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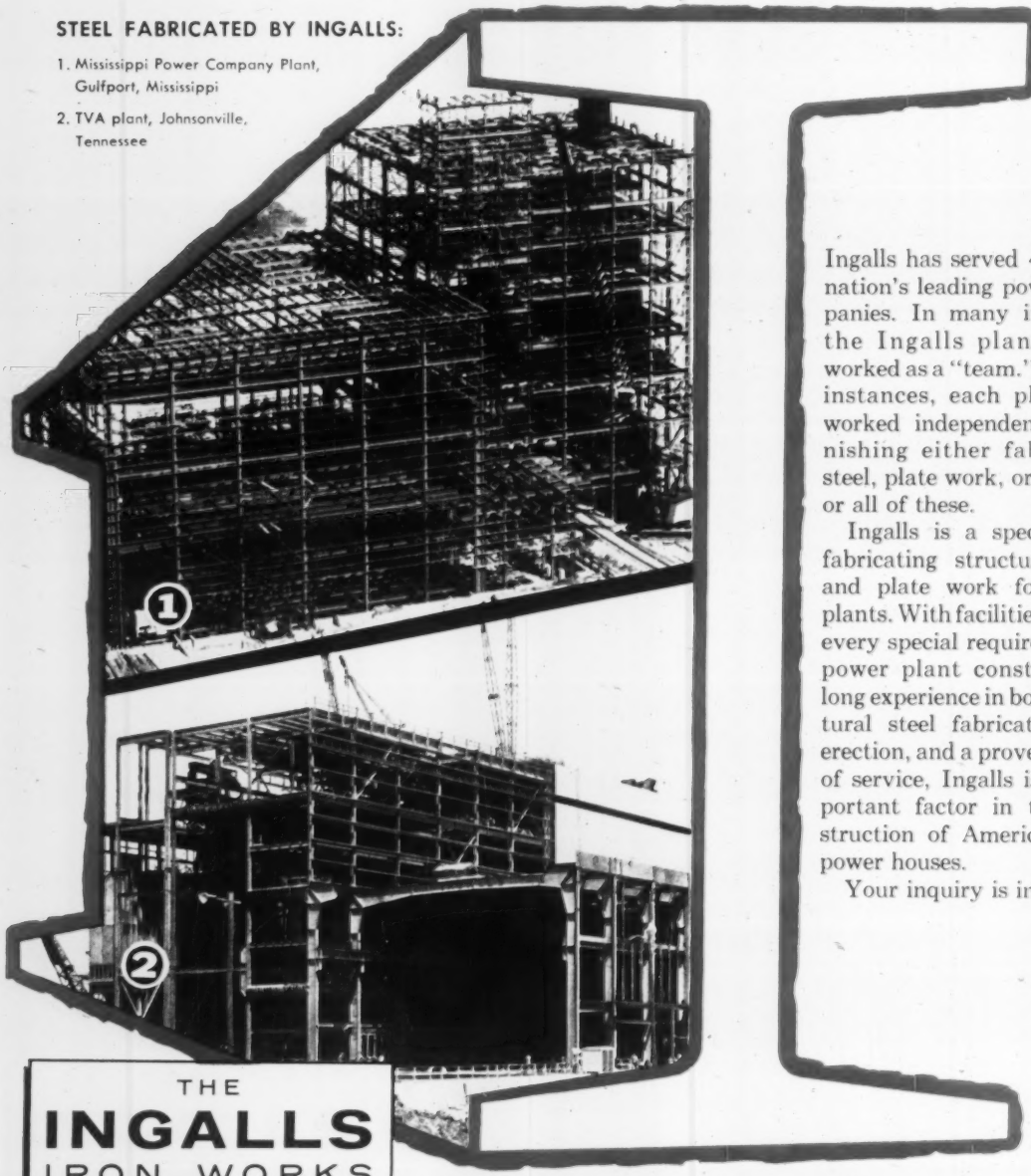

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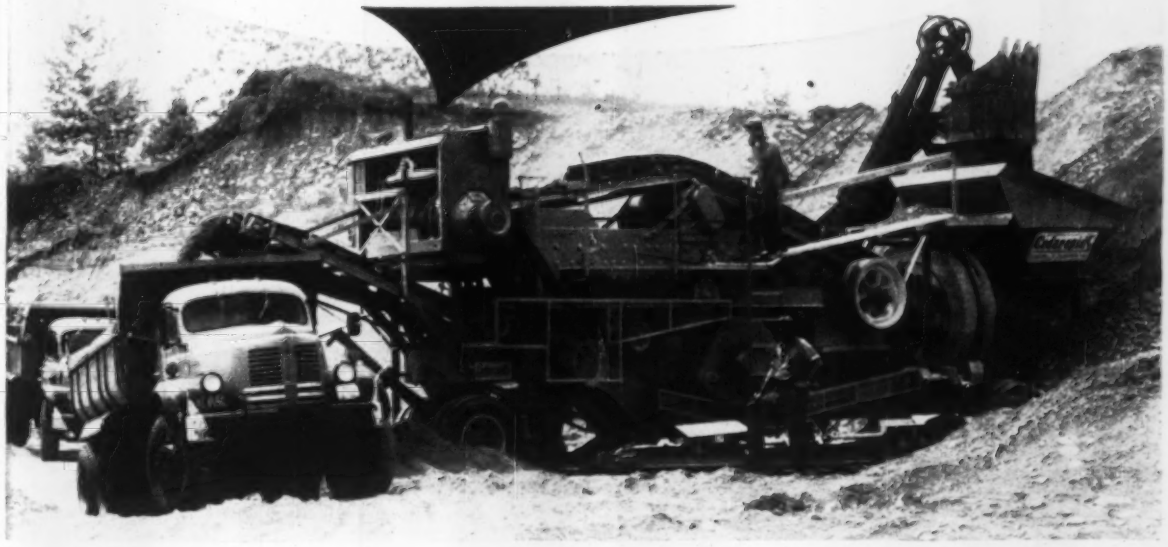

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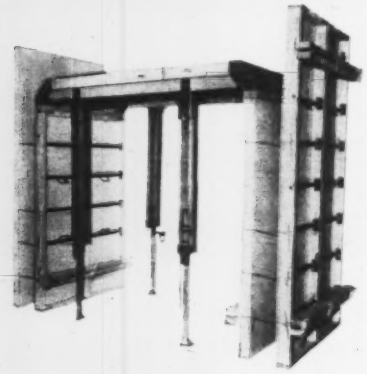

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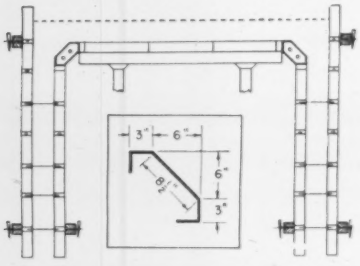

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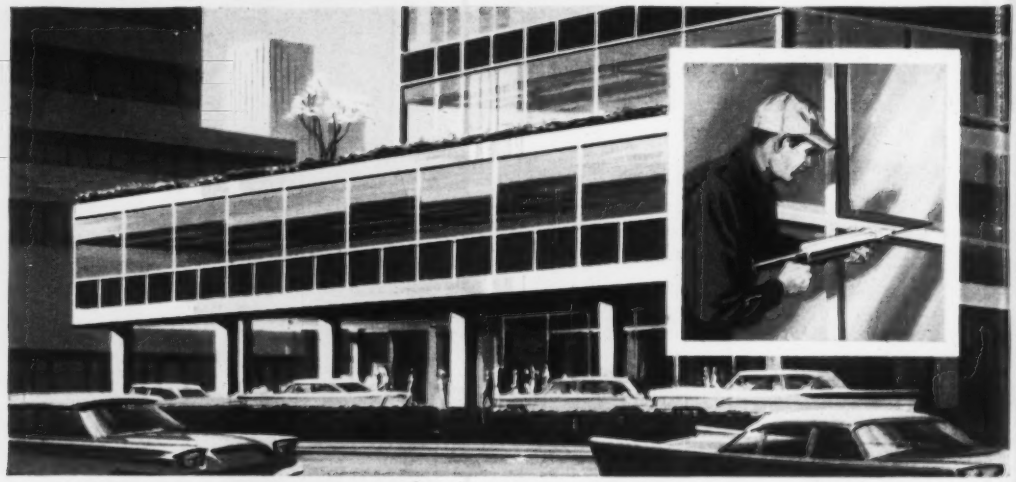

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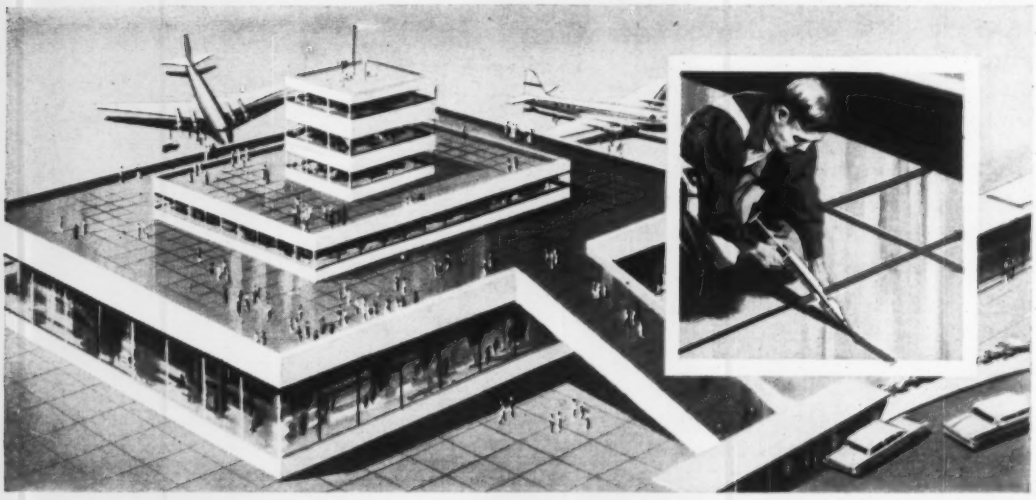

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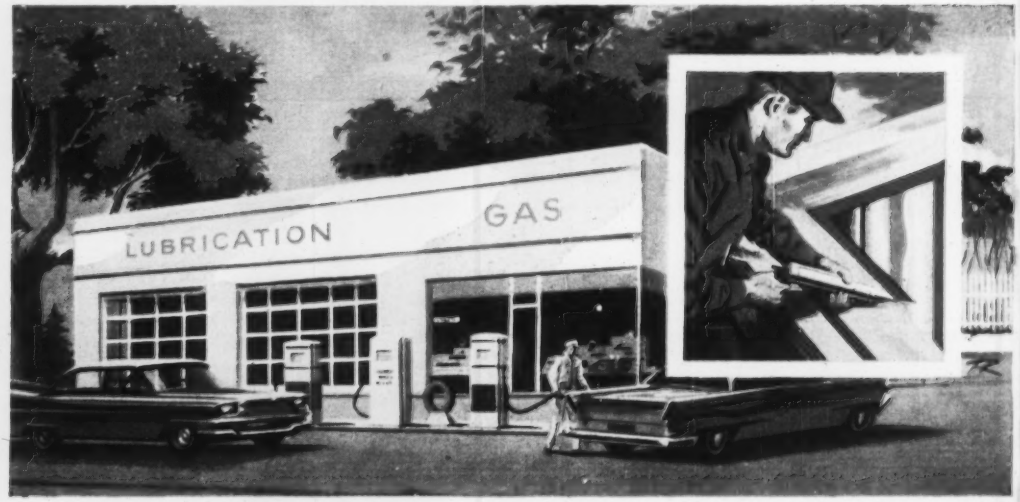

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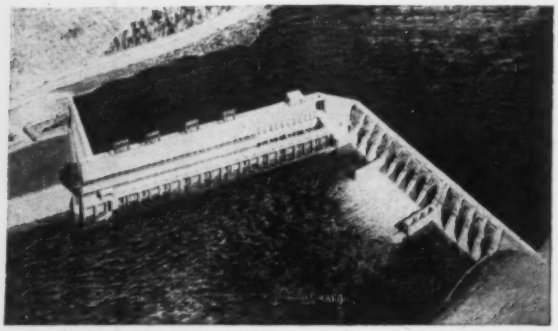

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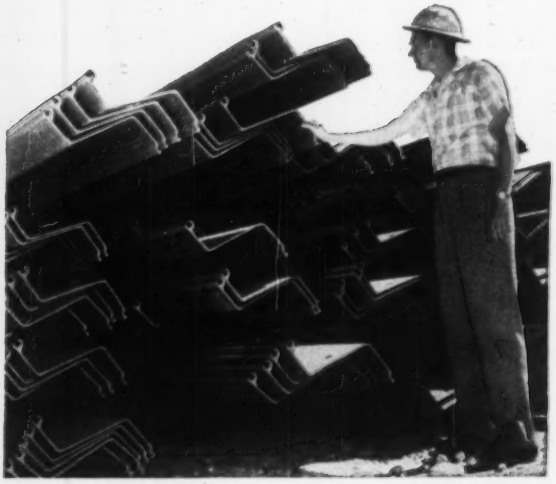

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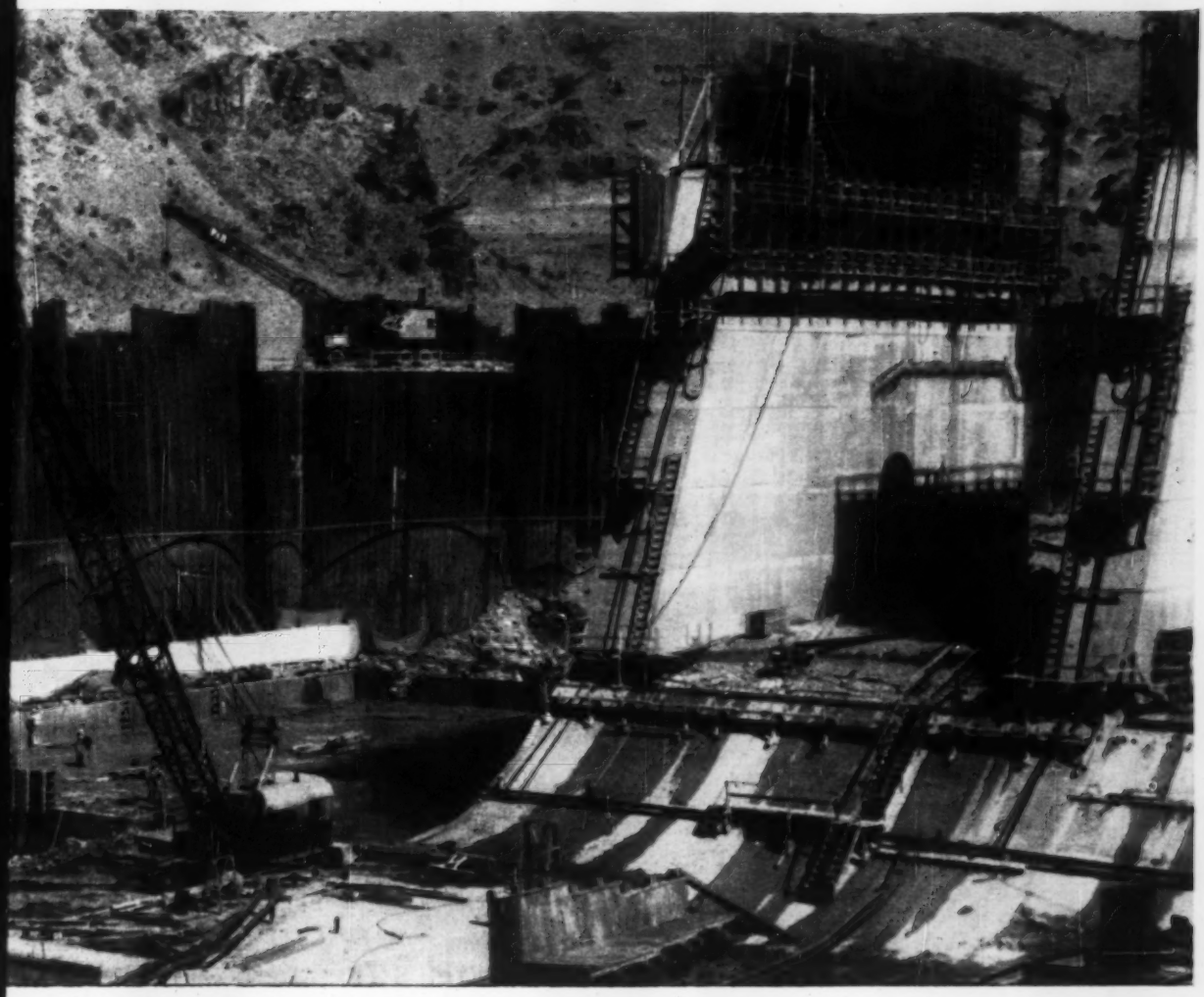

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Prevailing Wage Criticism

SIR—In the article, "Prevailing Wages for Federal Highways" (ENR Jan. 23, 1958, p. 114), in which you report on the administration of the prevailing wage provision of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, the Labor Department boasts of the "infinitesimal number" of minimum wage determinations that have been challenged. Although this is surprising, it may be true. If it it true the only reason so few challenges have been made is due to the compulsory requirement that the Labor Department must consult with state highway departments.

In administering the Davis-Bacon Act as it applies to building construction and government owned facilities, the Labor Department acts in dictatorial manner and answers to no one—not even to the courts. On such determinations, the Labor Department may come up with another "infinitesimal number" of challenges, but what seems to be forgotten is that even 1% of 220,000 minimums is challenged there are 2,200 headaches for the construction industry.

When you speak of a challenge, you say a mouthful. It entails this: 1. An on the spot survey of the craft in question must be made. This means that a dozen or more general contractors or subcontractors must be contacted personally by a representative of industry and asked to sign a statement that he pays such and such a wage. This takes money for travel, three or four days of hotel expenses, long distance telephone calls and salary for the man who is assigned to do this useless job. The Davis-Bacon Act is useless because contractors naturally must pay prevailing wages to get craftsmen. They don't need a law.

2. Our apprentice training program or other important projects must suffer while one of our executives does the work of the U. S. Department of Labor. Nevertheless, we are forced to consider the opportunity to protest as a "privilege" because if we were not allowed to challenge some of these fantastic wage determinations the wage structure in our two states of North and South Carolina would skyrocket.

3. Even on the relatively rare occasions when the Labor Department does make correct determinations, the construction industry must spend money for on the spot surveys to make sure they are correct. The Labor Department often predetermines wages more than 100 percent higher than those actually prevailing. We must protest these immediately because we are certain the Labor Department is trying to pull something over the eyes of the taxpaying public.

What if industry failed to catch these mistakes? Our wage structure would be so far out of line with the rest of the economy that construction could not compete for the consumer's dollar. What if the industry could not afford to dispatch personnel to do the Labor Department's wage gathering work or check its work? The department would take its "available" rates (usually fictitious union rates), and make their predeterminations on that basis. There would be no challenges because certainly the unions would not protest.

We wonder if the small percentage of challenges is not due to the fact that the industry in many parts of our nation simply does not have the patience to gather the documentary evidence needed to fight errors.

Another thing. When you face the bureaucrats in the Department of Labor you've got to have the documentary evidence. In the Carolinas, we protest and the actual prevailing wage is determined because we have or can get sworn statements to back up our wage information. We realize that the Labor Department could take one of our contractors to court if he swore to a false statement, so we are ultra careful. The Labor Department's bungling bureaucrats could do anything, though, and you couldn't get them within ear shot of the judge—that's the law or the lack of judicial review in the Davis-Bacon Act.

The saving feature in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 is the requirement that the Department of Labor must consult with State Highway Departments. The situation would be much better if the Labor Department had to consult with some state authority before issuing predeterminations on building wage rates.

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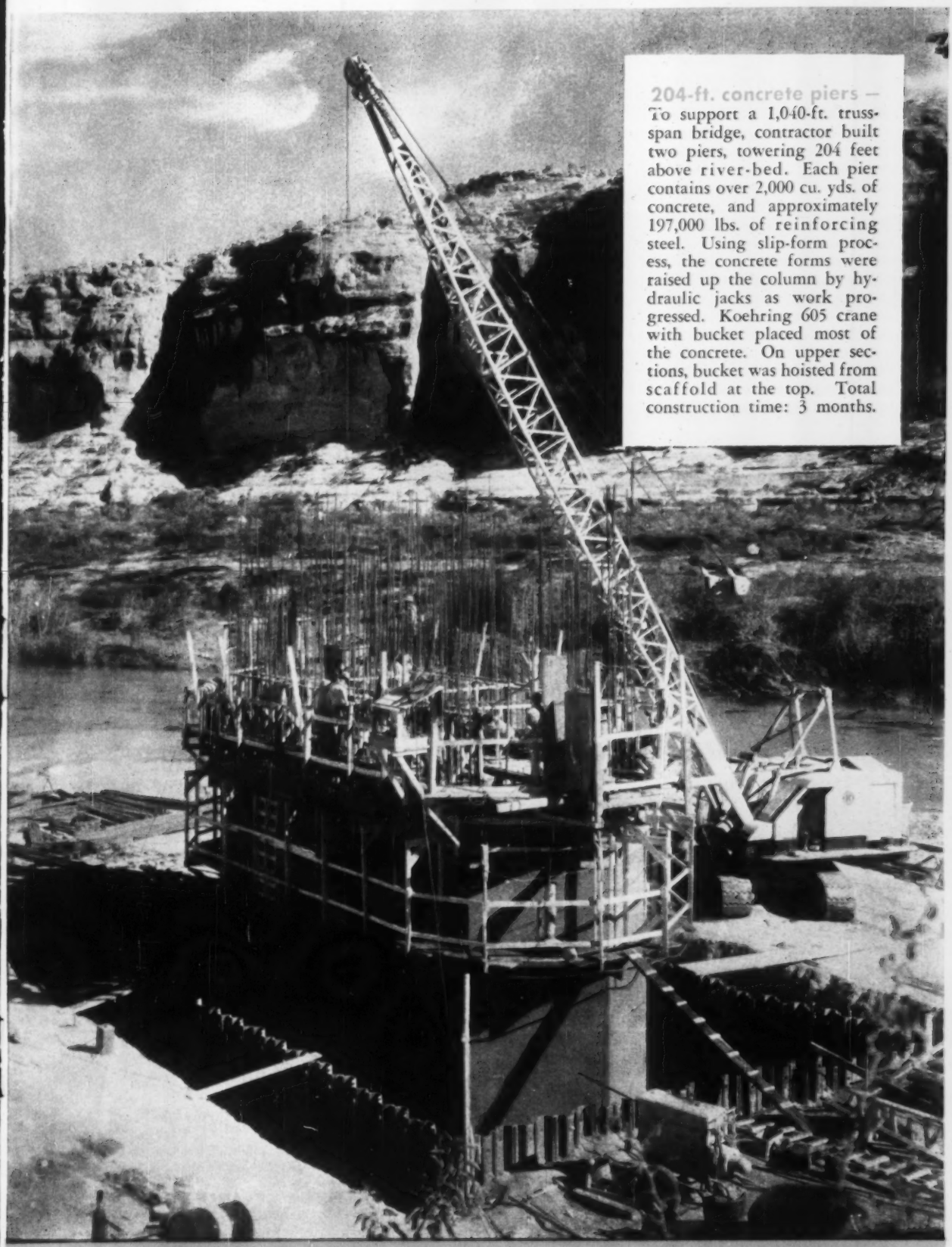

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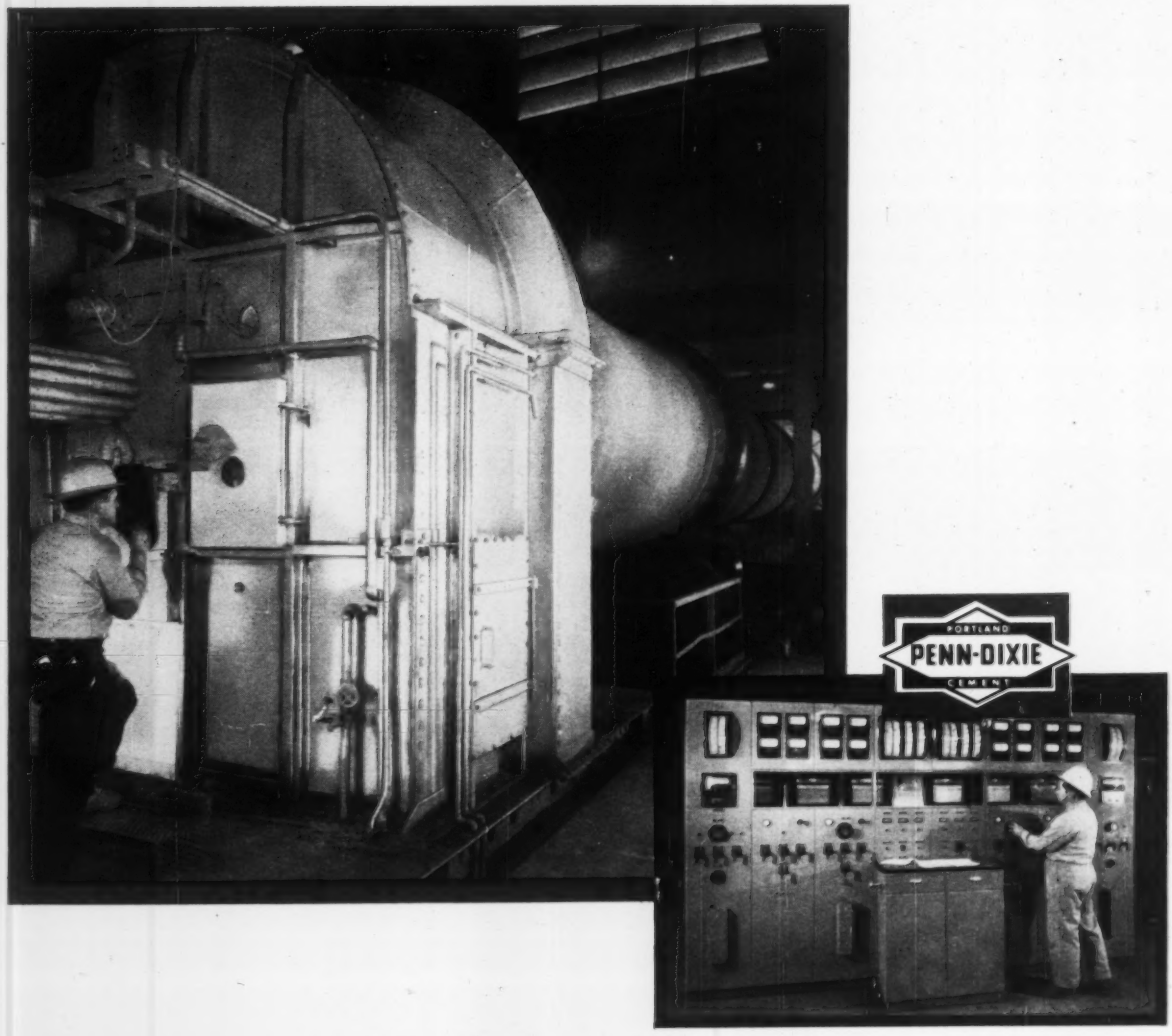

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THE CONSTRUCTION WEEK

CAPITOL FIGHT CONTINUES—Opponents of the proposal to move the east front of the U.S. Capitol forward 32.5 ft and rebuild it with marble to preserve the detail lost another round last week. A parliamentary maneuver to block the reconstruction was defeated in the Senate. More battles are still ahead, particularly over Senate bill S. 2883, aimed at preventing the shifting of the east front.

MORE ON A-BOMB AS EXCAVATOR—Augmenting ENR's exclusive March 6 story (p. 31) on the probable use of nuclear explosions as construction tools, it was revealed last week that the Atomic Energy Commission and the U.S. Geological Survey are working together on plans to use nuclear explosives to create water-retaining land masses in arid regions. Where dense rock or other impermeable strata now promote rapid runoff or evaporation of precipitation, nuclear bombs might be exploded underground to loosen up huge masses and make them porous enough to store large quantities of water.

EVEN MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI HAS LIMIT—Last week the St. Louis area, largest metropolis in the nation that has done virtually nothing about discharging raw sewage, finally began planning a huge interceptor and treatment system. The action was directed at a U.S. Public Health Service interstate enforcement hearing in St. Louis early this month when the Mississippi River's reputation of being unpollutable by virtue of its tremendous flows was shattered for good. Pollution of Big Muddy has progressed to the extent that water samples of 125 miles downriver of the Missouri's confluence at St. Louis contain over 5,000 coliform bacteria per milliliter, the recommended PHS limit for drinking water supply. Over 200 raw waste outfalls in the St. Louis area deliver organic pollution load equivalent to that from 5.25 million persons (discharged by 1.2 million persons and numerous industries).

POLLUTION CONTROL DATA AT LAST—The totals have been compiled by population size group, state and river basin, and on the use of every step in all sewage treatment processes. Figures are given for both number of plants and population served, the data being 1957 information from about 12,000 communities. A complete set of electronic data processing equipment made the compilation possible in so short a time. The data are expected to be available for public distribution in about three months.

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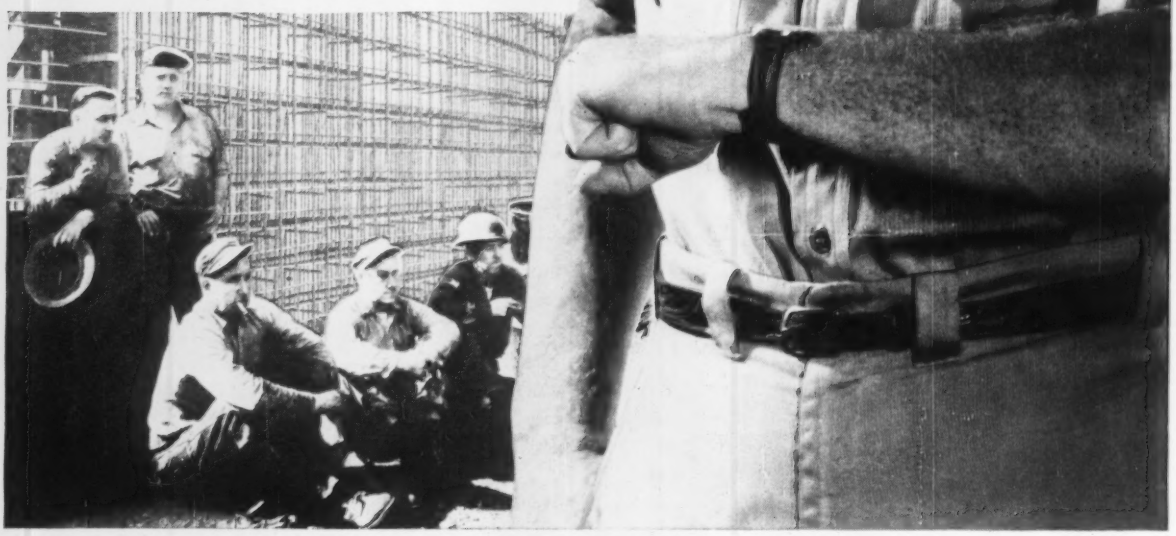

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WASHINGTON OBSERVER

- Commerce loses battle for statistics job
- FHA gets money to hire more field workers
- News stories distort defense contracting
- Lease-purchase building program zinging along

● **Commerce lost its fight to take over Labor Department's share of the government construction statistics.** Three months ago, the Budget Bureau ruled that the Bureau of Labor Statistics staff—working on housing starts, public works, and the like—should be consolidated in the Commerce Department's Office of Construction Statistics headed by Walter Schneider. At the time, this was considered a final victory in the long fight between Secretary Weeks and Secretary Mitchell.

Secretary Mitchell had enough power at the White House to force the Budget Bureau to turn around. Now the prospect seems clear that the two agencies—whether they like it or not—are going to have to continue to work in harness. Commerce officials are bitter, but there's little hope now that the attempt to bring all figures under a single roof will be made again while President Eisenhower is in office.

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● **FHA is getting $2 million additional to hire staffs around the country to reduce the time it takes to approve mortgage applications.** The agency has been described as the bottleneck which could prevent an upturn in housing, despite easier mortgage money, additional mortgage insurance and lower down payments—all designed to increase starts.

The goal is to reduce present processing time of nearly a month to something closer to two weeks. The money will pay for more trained credit analysts, appraisers and inspectors. FHA offices should be able to start hiring any day now.

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● **Don't count on $2 billion worth of Defense Department construction awards between now and June 30** as implied in recent Defense Department news stories. This is the contract total that was originally scheduled during the entire fiscal year ending June 30.

Newspaper accounts have implied that the military would award such huge sums during the months ahead. Actually, the military services are having their troubles getting their original schedules for contract awards.

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● **The huge lease-purchase program for constructing government buildings is going ahead much faster than officials had dared hope.** Investors are bidding for projects at lower interest rates, and contractors are coming in with construction bids that are well within the cost estimates fixed by General Services Administration.

Out of a batch of 13 investment bids accepted recently, the interest ranged from 4.38% to 4.49%—well under the high of 5% which GSA accepted on one bid three months ago.

There's plenty of competition among contractors for awards. On a big public health center in Atlanta, Ga., there were 10 bidders. The award went to Henry C. Beck and Utah Construction Co. for $8.8 million; GSA's 1957 cost estimate was $10.5 million.

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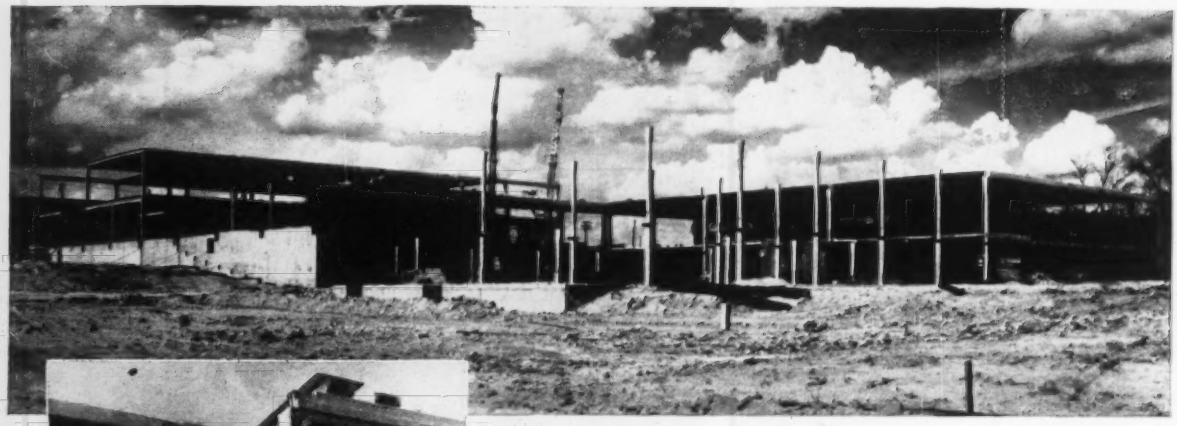

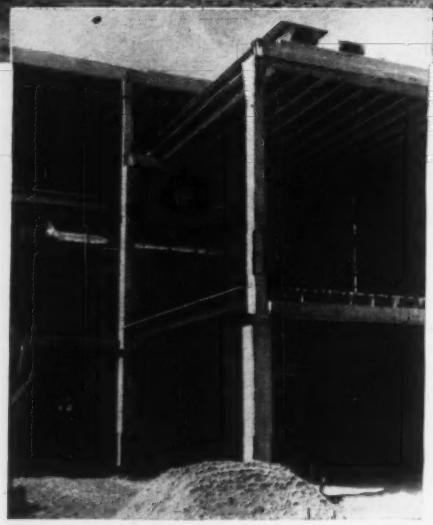

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Construction Debated as Recession Cure

Anti-recession plans are popping all over Washington—with both public works spending and tax cuts being promoted as necessary if the business slide is to be ended.

Within the last few days there's been a switch to tax cuts. Congressmen of both parties are preparing their own special tax cut packages while the Administration promises specifically that it has plans in the works to be presented to Congress for action "if needed."

There's no reluctance, however, in pushing more public works spending. Both the Administration and Congress are pushing hardest on anti-recession public works spending—the launching of new programs and increasing the spending on programs already under way.

I. Public Works

The latest entry is Interior Secretary Seaton's list of new reclamation projects for which additional funds are being asked. Interior will ask for $70.8 million more for reclamation, boosting the fiscal 1959 appropriation request to $232.6 million.

Of the new money asked, $45.8 million will be for expediting construction already under way. Projects on Secretary Seaton's list for new money are: Trinity River diversion project in the Central Valley of California; Glen Canyon Dam on the Colorado River storage project in Arizona; prime construction projects to be let for Flaming Gorge Dam in Utah and Navajo Dam in New Mexico, and other structures of the Colorado River storage project.

• **Upping the ante**—President Eisenhower on March 8 expanded his list of speeded-up federal civil works programs. Removal of the Administration's earlier brakes on spending, plus recent orders from the White House to push work for which Congress has voted funds, will step up expenditures on civil works by $200 million in the next few months, the President indicated.

So far, for the year beginning July 1, President Eisenhower said he would send to Congress requests for $125 million for the Corps of Engineers, $15 million for Agriculture's watershed projects, in addition to the reclamation requests. Also, about $25 million is to be sought to start local small reclamation projects.

It is doubtful if these increases will satisfy Congress. Rep. Clarence Cannon, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, already has sent back the original budget requests of the Army Engineers and Reclamation with directions to bring back "adequate" money programs for fiscal 1959.

Sen. Lyndon Johnson, Democratic leader, started resolutions through Congress calling for increases. This was largely an up-dating of a program for public works expansion that he has been shepherding through Senate committees during the past months, but it caught the Administration off-guard. Last week Senator Johnson got his resolution passed by the Senate—with the Republicans joining in. The resolution itself, however, only puts the Senate on record, as backing increased public works spending.

President Eisenhower put Republicans into the battle over public works spending programs with a letter to the GOP spokesmen in Congress—Sen. William F. Knowland and Rep. Joseph Martin. Ignoring the Democrats, the President told his Republican spokesmen that he hoped Congress would increase spending on some public works projects already under way. He also favors a $600 million increase in the rate of contract-letting for highways, effective this year and next. He did not put a dollar total on his proposals, but they came to something less than $1 billion increased spending this year.

As reported by the Senate public roads subcommittee last week the bill would give the states $400 million immediately for prompt use on federal-aid highways other than the interstate system. This money would be apportioned on a 70-30 federal-state matching basis—instead of 50-50 under present law. Actually, though, the proposal permits states to use this federal money to pay 90% of the cost of a project. The provision is that the federal government would later deduct from state allocations the 20% needed to bring the final cost allocation up to the 70-30 formula. The 20% would be deducted from the state's Bureau of Public Roads allocation for 1961.

Besides this the Gore bill would remove for three years beginning July 1 the present restriction on the highway trust fund which limits allocation for any one year to the anticipated tax revenues coming into the fund. Along with the change, the bill has provisions designed to increase actual allocations for the interstate network for the three years by nearly $3 billion. This means the states would get $7.2 billion of 90-10 money for the interstate network for the three years beginning July 1, instead of the $4.4 billion available under present trust fund limitations.

The bill approved by the committee would mean a total for all federal-aid highways in the next three years of $10.3 billion, an increase of more than $3 billion above the amount permissible under current trust fund restrictions. President Eisenhower's plan would increase total federal interstate highway

. . . Public works versus tax cuts

allocations by only $2.2 billion for the three fiscal years, 1959-61; this would bring the figure to $6.6 billion.

II. Taxes

The Administration seems to be moving faster toward tax cuts. Vice President Nixon and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell both plunked for tax reduction if the unemployment rise is not halted in a short time. Mr. Nixon spoke of a decision in the next few weeks—with an eye on the March unemployment survey which will be released about this time next month.

Mr. Nixon's view that he "would go down the tax-cutting road rather than the spending road" if additional steps are required, is shared by top Administration officials. They view the current round of increased spending plans for public works mostly as a holding operation, to placate Congress until next month's round of economic statistics come in.

• **Where the cuts are planned**—The exact details of any tax cut proposal by the Administration are still being worked out, but its basic principles have been decided on. Here are the highlights:

• There would be cuts for individuals. One possibility includes a split in the first bracket rate in order to throw a substantial part of the reduction into the low-income bracket.

• There would be cuts proposed in excise rates. Lower excises on autos and household appliances are a prime goal of both Administration economists and Democrats in Congress.

• There likely would be a cut proposed that would apply to the corporation tax rate.

The argument here is that business feels the same pinch as individuals when incomes decline in a recession. The quickest way to help hard-hit businesses retain a normal work force and a normal flow of orders to manufacturers is to lower their tax liability. If this idea survives, the cut will be made so that the greatest benefit will fall on small business.

There's no decision on what the package should offer by way of total relief, but $5 billion to $7 billion is being discussed.

Railroads Look to Research

AREA meeting also stresses need for legislative relief for railroads in improving equipment and facilities

With engineering manpower problems becoming considerably less critical than at this time last year, railroad management is turning full attention to research as a means of reducing operating and maintenance-of-way costs, and improving passenger and freight service.

More than one speaker at the 57th annual meeting of the American Railway Engineering Association in Chicago last week either tackled this broad subject of railroad research head-on, or touched on various aspects of it.

• **Research**—Crystallizing the research problems facing many railroads today, Wm. M. Keller, vice president-research of the Association of American Railroads, told an attentive audience that research must develop rails, ties and roadway equipment that do not require so much maintenance expense. "If the railroads are to survive the regulatory inequities they now face, they have no choice but to look to increased research to reduce expenses," he said.

Mr. Keller called for more teamwork in research than ever before. "The electronics expert must work closely with the structural engineer; the stress analyst with the metallurgist; and the chemist with the physicist. The research team, aided by both practical and theoretical advice of AREA committees and individual members of the association is the answer to this problem," he said.

As an aid in these studies, said Mr. Keller, $160,000 worth of hydraulic pulsating equipment will be installed this year at the AAR research laboratory in Chicago. It will be used in research studies on ballast, tie-wear and structural spans.

Positive proof that railroad research will be expanded was given in the announcement by William T. Faricy, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of AAR, that a science laboratory will be added to the association's research center in Chicago next year or early in 1960. It will contain an electronics laboratory and provide housing for laboratories for metallurgical research, analysis of gases and exhaust, and development of new fuels and lubricants for locomotives and cars. It also will provide room for a nuclear reactor whenever the association needs it, he added.

Pointing out that the activities of the AAR research department are not confined to those conducted at the research center, Mr. Faricy called attention to the jointly sponsored research project being conducted at Northwestern University to develop new information in the complex members of bridge structures (ENR Jan 30, 1958, p. 53).

• **Current projects**—The extent to which the railroads are striving to improve their roadbed and equipment was outlined by Gerald M. Magee, director of engineering research, of AAR. These include improved methods of cleaning the roadbed to reduce cost of this work and to lengthen the life of tracks; improve quality of rails and ties, and the control of vegetation on roadbeds.

Two new and interesting phases of roadbed stabilization experiments, Mr. Magee said, are: The use of lignum liquor injections in the roadbed to prevent frost heaves in the winter months in northern areas; and asphalt spray on sand which has been specially sloped on the roadway to prevent drifting during heavy winds in extreme western areas.

• **Prestressed ties**—Experiments in prestressed concrete ties during the past year were conducted on 36 ties, installed in track for observation of service performance, said Mr. Magee. The prestressed ties incorporated three different designs, using both standard and lightweight concrete.

Other current research of interest to railroad engineers include laying of rail tight with frozen joints, rather than using welded rail, and experiments with waterproofing concrete.

• **Deferred maintenance**—A challenging approach to the problem of reducing maintenance costs was posed by G. B. Aydelott, president, Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad. He pointed out that with careful study considerable maintenance can be deferred without undue harm, provided it is based on a realistic program on how to extend the life of track and structures.

• **New officers**—Registration exceeded 2,100 at the three-day conference. At the annual luncheon B. R. Meyers, chief engineer, Chicago & Northwestern Railway System, was elected president of the association, succeeding Ray McBrain, director of research, Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad. F. R. Woolford, chief engineer, Western Pacific Railroad, moved up from second vice president to first vice president; while E. J. Brown, chief engineer, Burlington Lines, was elected second vice president. Neal D. Howard is executive secretary of the association.

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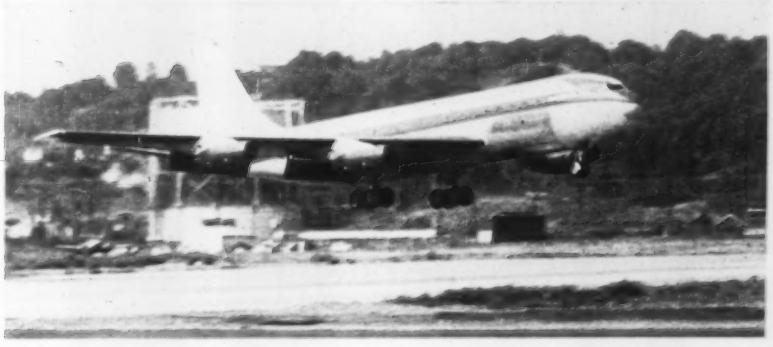

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Today's Airports Are a Jet-Age Bottleneck

Officials of the Cabinet-level Airways Modernization Board disclosed to ENR last week that the U.S. will need 70 airports capable of handling jet airliners by the end of 1960. At least 40 of these will be full-fledged jet terminals; the remaining 30 will provide alternate landing facilities.

When the first commercial jets, the Boeing 707 or the Douglas DC-8, are handed over to the first airline will our airports be ready for them? Will runways be long enough, and will terminal facilities be adequate to service these giant planes? These are some of the questions being asked today by both airlines and airport operators as they plan ahead for the needs of 1960. Airport designers, government officials, airport operators and transportation consultants agree that the advent of the jet poses a very special problem for most airports.

But the methods for solving this problem are controversial.

Some authorities complain that while a tremendous amount of research is being done in the field of airport modernization, little of it is coordinated. Still others feel that altogether too much research is being done and that most engineering answers will evolve as experience with existing designs grows.

• **So many unknowns**—The consensus is that, in view of the lack of experience with jet air transports, design criteria are really unknown; the question is what to design for in the face of rapidly changing technology and increasing airport traffic.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration's Office of Airports is equipped to help engineering firms plan new airport developments, but its experts appear to be as much in the dark about jet age airports as do consulting engineers—and for the same reasons. They simply do not have a background of experience on which to rely—excepting that provided by military jet airports, which are airfields of a different species.

One of the most recent government agencies in the field of airport research and development is the Airways Modernization Board, established late in 1957. The board consists of Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada, USAF (Ret.), Secretary of Defense McElroy and Secretary of Commerce Weeks. These three men are responsible for setting research and development goals in the fields of communication, navigational aids and traffic control. In addition, they are responsible for selecting and standardizing airways facilities.

According to officials of the AMB, aeronautical information on the new jet aircraft has been most difficult to get. It was not until last year that this information began to filter in.

While the airlines themselves based their orders for jet planes on analysis of existing airports, there is little doubt that these will have to be expanded to accommodate the new planes safely and efficiently. In short, the problems of heavy air traffic, new approach lanes, extended runways, traffic control and new holding patterns will continue to grow. Officials of the AMB emphasize the great need for continued study in airport design if we are to meet the jet-age challenge.

• **Runways and taxiways**—When the airlines decided to buy jet planes for future use, preliminary inspection of existing runways, taxiways and ramp areas led them to conclude that in nearly all cases, existing airports would require some alteration, but the basic designs were good enough to be adapted to jet operations. In fact, structurally, most existing runway pavements will handle the jet planes. (The wheel loadings of the jets being essentially the same as for the current prop-driven planes.)

Knowing that they must be realistic, the airline operators did not ask airport authorities for maximum runway lengths. They realized they could not afford to pay for such runways, especially when the added length might be needed only once or twice a year (on the hottest days against maximum winds). Instead, airlines are settling for realistic lengths to which they occasionally will have to fly with reduced payloads. They want runways that will give adequate service without extravagance.

In general, for maximum payloads,

. . . Today's airports are a jet-age bottleneck

TRAFFIC CONTROL facilities of most existing airports are inadequate. Modernization now, before the real pinch arrives, is the remedy.

runway lengths of from 8,000 to 15,000 ft will be needed. So, at most major airports, runways will have to be lengthened somewhat if the new jets are to be accommodated efficiently. Fortunately, most existing runways have widths of at least 150 ft—adequate for jetliner operations.

To decrease the possibility of engine damage by stones and dirt that might be sucked into the engine if it were overhanging an unsurfaced area, most taxiways must be widened from the existing 75 ft standard. Shoulders will have to be added to bring the taxiways up to at least a 125 ft total width. And for the same reasons, fillets may be needed on many airfields to increase the radius of taxiway intersections with runways.

• **Runway orientation and noise**—Jet transports will complicate runway orientation problems too, since most runways have been laid out for operation into the prevailing winds. While having headwind at takeoff and landing is important to a jet, the noise problem also must be considered. And unfortunately, some of our major runways were built unmindful of this problem.

While successful noise suppressors have been developed, they introduce a thrust loss at take-off and an increase in drag during flight. Use of the suppressors requires an additional 240 ft of runways to compensate for thrust loss, and the added drag exacts a penalty of about 2% in fuel consumption for a given cruising speed. Result: Increased operating costs of some $6.50 per hour with a payload penalty of about 1,600 lb.

So, for the jet airplane, orientation of the primary runway must be a compromise between requirements of the traffic pattern, prevailing winds and the noise effect on the community. Yet even with a compromise, proper runway orientation is difficult, to achieve.

For example, Denver presents an interesting problem. The only existing runway that jet transports can use runs east-west. Prevailing winds prevent eastbound takeoffs much of the time because of tailwind components, while on westbound takeoffs, a jet transport would be over downtown Denver before it could turn on course. Providing a suitable north-south runway would be the proper solution from an operational and noise abatement view—yet to do so would be physically most difficult.

Further complicating the runway orientation question are the flight characteristics of swept-wing airplanes; a jet is more difficult to control during takeoff and landing in a crosswind. Yet many of our airports do not have secondary runways that are long enough to accommodate the jet should the plane have to avoid crosswinds. Construction of such crosswind landing strips or addition of length to existing ones will be one of the major problems in the modernization of airfields for jet flights.

Airports, such as LaGuardia, at New York, and Washington National, which were designed in the 1930s, era of the DC-3, cannot be expanded further. In such cases the only answer is to build new airports, probably at greater distances from the cities to get cheaper land and to avoid conflicting air traffic patterns.

In considering the location of new airports a whole string of new problems besets the planners, involved are: consideration of conflicting traffic and holding patterns; assessment of land values; selection of the site for good drainage; building of access roads, and installing utilities.

• **Terminal facilities**—In general, the facilities of today's airports also are inadequate to service and maintain jet planes. Extra quantities of fuel, demineralized water, electricity and compressed air are needed. A refueling delivery capacity of some 1,200 gpm is deemed necessary if the jets are to be serviced rapidly. This means a whole new concept of fueling operations: larger trucks or underground fuel storage, new hydraulic pumping and shut-off systems with more refined measuring devices. Added to this is the fire hazard of the larger amounts of fuel handled. While the fuel (kerosene) is less volatile than aviation gasoline, it has a wider range of inflammability to increase its danger. And spillage means troubles with pavements in parking areas.

Couple the plane maintenance problem with that of passenger, baggage and food movement—passenger loads of up to 200 per flight will be common—and one begins to understand the complexity of the situation. A passenger who has made a 4½ hour flight across country is in no mood to be slowed down waiting in long lines at ticket counters and baggage windows.

Another problem comes in docking the jet. The heat and blast effect of the jet engines are formidable, so that some way of protecting passengers from these must be devised.

• **Future developments**—Probably the paramount question in the minds of airport planners today is this: "How can we avoid building long, expensive runways?" Researchers are trying to find some answers.

Runway turnoffs may be one way to cope with the problem. While maximum possible turnoff speeds have yet to be determined, present thinking indicates that speeds of from 45 to 65 mph ought to be the basis of design, with radii of curvature around 750 to 1,000 ft.

Another way of cutting down runway length is being considered by the AMB—catapaulting and arresting the jet at the runways.

The final area of study is design of the jet aircraft itself. High angle or vertical take-off aircraft would answer the long runway problem with certainty. But such designs are probably still only dreams for the future.

A-Power Review

Congress and AEC hammer out development pace

The annual Congressional inquiry on how well the youthful atomic energy industry is doing has produced a picture like this:

- Everyone agrees that there is no purely economic justification for a crash program of developing atomic power in this country. The U.S., with its great reserves of low-cost fossil fuels, produces conventional power so cheaply that atomic reactors will have a tough time competing for years to come.
- Despite this, spokesmen for reactor manufacturers and even private power companies agree with committee Democrats that the AEC must accelerate its program if the U.S. is to maintain world leadership in atomic technology. Energy-short nations need atomic power now.

The sharpest clash of opinion comes between committee Democrats on the one hand, and the Atomic Energy Commission and the private power companies on the other, over whether AEC's "partnership" policy with private industry will get the necessary job done.

Leading Democrats claim that, with profits nowhere in site, private industry cannot and will not make the huge investments necessary for early development of competitive nuclear power. They have introduced legislation under which the government would build large-scale federal reactors at AEC sites.

The AEC, which has limited its activities largely to construction of small experimental reactors and research and development aid to private companies on larger ones, strongly opposes the Democrats' stepped up program, as do the private electric utilities.

It is now clear that the Democratic Congress will move, with or without AEC's blessing, to accelerate the power reactor development program, with emphasis on developing a foreign market for U.S. reactors. The unanswered question is how. The Joint Committee showed the most interest in a proposal by Chauncey Starr of North American Aviation's Atomics International Division.

Specifically, he proposes that foreign customers be allowed to purchase atomic power plants from U.S. firms at about the same price they would pay for construction of a conventional plant of the same output. The U.S. Government would pay the U.S. manufacturer the differential between his price to the purchaser and the actual, higher cost. Mr. Starr assumes that U.S. firms would subcontract conventional portions of reactor construction to companies in the nation involved.

A certain amount of agreement is reported to have been reached in closed-door talks between top AEC officials and key members of the Joint Committee. It appears there may be agreement that:

- AEC will double its reactor development program with the goal of achieving economic nuclear power within five years abroad, and within 10 years in this country.
- AEC will build three experimental reactors at AEC sites—including the gas-cooled, dual-purpose and natural uranium-consuming types.
- A greatly stepped-up program of federal research to develop more efficient fuel elements is desirable.

However, AEC is resisting pressure from Joint Committee Democrats to adopt some version of the Starr proposal for accelerating development. The commission favors loans to foreign countries, in place of capital subsidies, and prefers to limit domestic subsidies to research and development help, plus a break on cost of fuel elements.

The final result of the AEC-Joint Committee negotiations will become apparent after the Easter recess, when commission officials are expected to testify on their authorization bill for the next fiscal year.

Maryland Is 30% Behind On 12 Year Road Program

Maryland finds itself lagging by 30% in the first four years of its 12 year highway building program, reports the state's roads commission. The commission has built or started only 888.5 miles of 1,262 miles scheduled for the four year period.

Also in those four years, while 70% of the planned mileage has been reached, 80% of the funds allocated for that period have been spent or obligated. About $276 million have been obligated against original estimates of $250 million. The state has, however, earned federal credits of $46 million against that outlay.

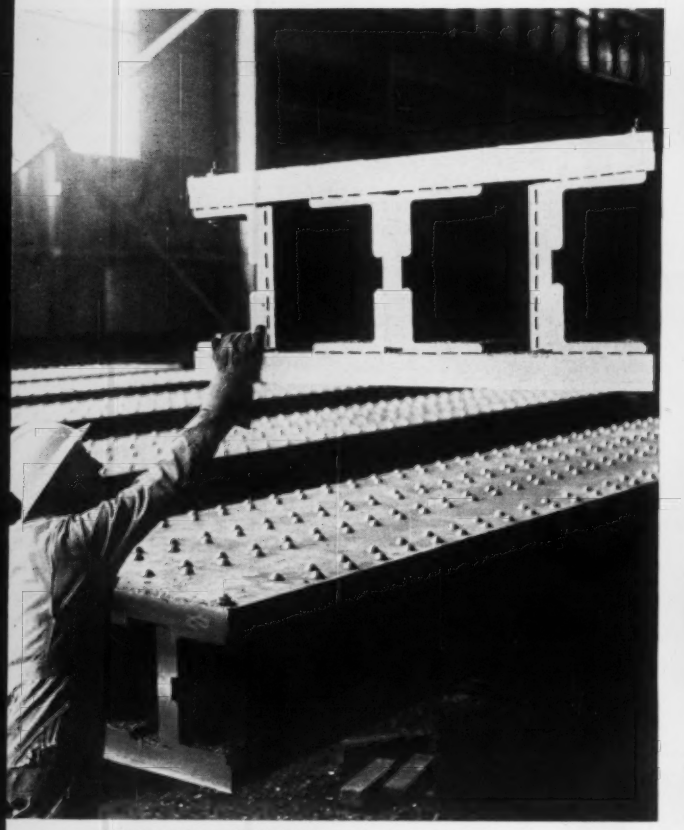
The original 12 year plan included 3,302 miles of primary and secondary roads and 145 miles of interstate highway. To this has been added another 183 miles of interstate highways. Projected on a 15 year basis to coincide with the federal highway program, total cost of the state's road programs will come to over $1.1 billion, estimates Robert O. Bonnell, chairman of the roads commission. And when estimated state and federal revenues are subtracted, the commission will be $66 million short.

Cofferdam Collapse Kills 11

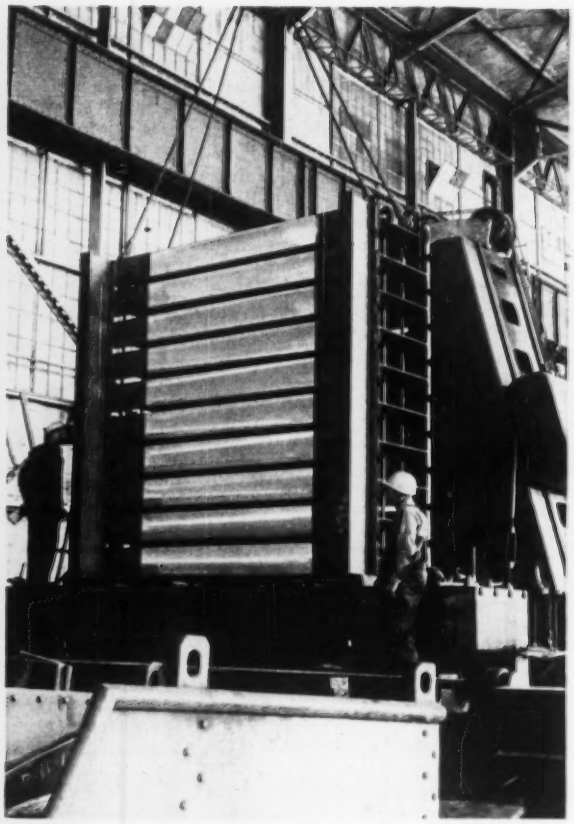
Eleven men were trapped and killed in Canada when the cofferdam for a bridge pier buckled under the pressure of an ice crush on the night of March 5. Three other men working in the cofferdam escaped. The bridge, on the route of the new Laurentian Highway, spans the Rivieres des Prairies about 10 miles from downtown Montreal.

The cofferdam—made of interlocking steel sheetpile and reinforced with steel beam struts and walers—is set in about 30 ft of water. The men were working about 10 ft below the river bottom when they were caught by a wave of ice, water and debris. Mild weather had loosened the ice on the frozen river and an unexpected buildup of ice against the cofferdam is believed to have caused the steel beams to buckle. Frogmen have been diving for the trapped bodies.

The bridge is being built by Dufresne Construction Ltd., Montreal. An investigation of the accident is to be made by the Quebec provincial police, the Quebec Labor Bureau and the construction company.



TRIPLE-WEB COLUMNS are being fabricated for the 60 story Chase-Manhattan Bank building in New York City.



GRILLAGE for a bottom column, which can carry over 7,000 tons, is 12 x 14 ft by 36 in. thick.

52 Ton Columns Readied for Skyscraper

Steel columns for the Chase-Manhattan Bank building, now in the foundation stage in New York City, are so large and heavy that special fabricating devices had to be developed for shop handing. The compression members account for about 50% of the 50,000 tons of structural steel required for the 60 story office building.

Bethlehem Steel Co. is fabricating the frame at its Pottstown, Pa., works.

Bottom columns of the skyscraper have a maximum length of 36 ft and weigh as much as 52 tons. They were designed to support loads of more than 7,000 tons. Accordingly, they have flanges up to 52 in. wide and 6½ in. thick, made up of plates with a maximum thickness of 1 in. And they have three webs, the center one consisting of plates attached to the flanges with four angles and the outer ones of plates with two angles.

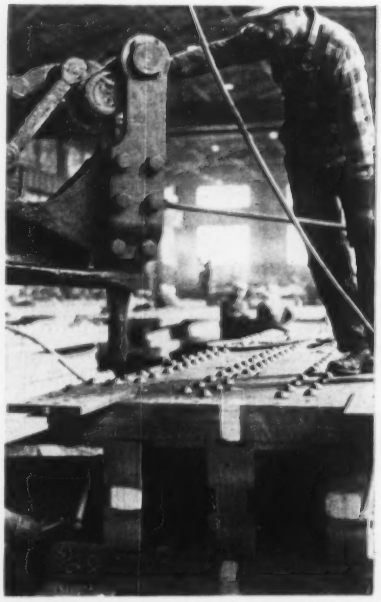
For making wind connections to the girders, the inner flange plate on each flange extends about 3 ft beyond the edge of the other flange plates. The girders are used in pairs. Either channel or I-shaped in cross section, these flexural members are riveted plate girders. At the columns, the web of a girder butts into the extended flange plate and the girder flange angles are riveted to the gusset. Field holes for these plates are drilled with the aid of metal-bushed templets, to assure matching of holes.

An average of 550 rivets are required for each column.

The grillages for bottom columns are 12x14 ft in plan and composed of 36 WF 150 beams. An area 6x11 ft atop each grillage is milled in the shop to receive the 19 in. thick, 12.5 ton forged billet on which the column bears.

The fabricator says months were spent devising the best procedures for moving these unusually heavy members through the shops. Rolling stands for fitting and riveting had to be designed, as well as hubs that make it possible to turn the members to any position with the aid of small floor cranes.

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill are the architects. Turner Construction Co. is the general contractor. Weiskopf & Pickworth are the structural engineers.



MACHINE rivets flange plates, which total 6 in. in thickness.

Bucyrus-Erie 71-B Marks Trend On Biggest Idaho Road Job

The use of a Bucyrus-Erie 71-B shovel indicates a new trend toward bigger equipment in northwestern highway work. This rugged machine was chosen by the prime contractors, F. H. Slate Co. and E. C. Hall Co. of Portland, Ore., to load out rock, topsoil, and gravel in mountainous terrain 10 miles east of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The project is the biggest roadbuilding job ever let by the Idaho Department of highways. Running through Fourth of July Canyon, this 7.2-mile segment of the Interstate System replaces a narrow, winding road long cursed by irate drivers. It's the first four-lane divided highway ever attempted in such mountainous country. Some 1,700,000 yards of excavation are involved.

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DAM CONGRESS PLANNERS are Gail A. Hathaway (left), International Commission president, and Francis S. Friel, U. S. committee chairman. They are pictured at ancient Ephesus last fall in Turkey following an executive committee meeting in Istanbul.

Large Dam Congress Planned

Sixth International Congress on Large Dams will be largest ever; raising funds is the present problem

The Sixth International Congress on Large Dams, which will convene in New York City September 15, is destined to be the largest gathering of the world's leading dam authorities ever held. Delegates from all of the 38 member countries of the International Commission on Large Dams will be present as well as large contingents of dam designers and builders from all sections of the U.S. Nearly 300 individuals are members of the U.S. committee of the commission, a threefold increase during the last year.

Gail A. Hathaway, formerly special assistant to the Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army, and now a consultant to the World Bank, is president of the International Commission, the first American to hold this post.

Principal present activity of the U.S. committee, which will be host to the congress, is the raising of funds to insure that the New York meeting and the study tours of dams, which will follow it, will compare favorably with previous congresses held in Stockholm, New Delhi, and Paris. Major financing of these earlier congresses was underwritten by the governments of the host countries, but this source of funds is not available to the U.S. committee, which must rely on contributions from private industry and individuals.

According to Francis S. Friel, consulting engineer of Philadelphia and chairman of the U.S. committee, there is a need for about $25,000 additional to meet the $75,000 budget, which has been set up. Best response so far has been from consulting firms, least from contractors and equipment manufacturers with a stake in dambuilding both here and abroad.

The technical sessions of the congress will be devoted to discussions of papers on four questions: heightening existing dams, stresses and deformations in dam foundations and abutments, compaction methods on earth and rockfill dams, and use of admixtures and pozzolanic materials in dam concrete.

Following the congress, three study tours have been arranged to visit dams in the Southeast, Midwest and Northwest regions of the country. Those attending the meeting can choose any one of these week-long tours, for which the round trip cost from New York varies from $400 to $600, depending on the distances involved. For those attending the meeting of the World Power Conference in Montreal, the week previous, there also will be a study tour covering the St. Lawrence project and the Shippingport nuclear power plant near Pittsburgh.

Briefs

• **State aid for sewerage**—The next session of the North Carolina legislature may be asked to enact legislation to provide funds to help municipalities in their stream sanitation efforts. Chairman J. Vivian Whitfield of the State Stream Sanitation Committee said the step may be necessary because municipal applications for the federal grants exceed the federal allocation to the state under the 1956 Water Pollution Control Act.

• **Big sewer job starts**—Construction of a $25 million trunk sewer to serve 16 Bergen County, N. J., areas, will get under way this month. The project, Stage Two of a long-range pollution control program in the northern New Jersey area, is designed to clean-up the Hackensack River and its tributaries.

• **U.S. Engineers on Iraq job**—Edwards & Kelcey, consulting engineers, Newark, N. J., have been employed by the Development Board in Iraq to furnish engineering services for a 130 mile section of major highway whose construction cost is estimated at $16 million. The road will connect the towns of Diwaniyah and Nasiriyah in the southern part of the country (ENR Dec. 12, 1957, p. 34). The firm has been in Iraq for the last six years as road advisors to the Public Works Department in connection with the work of the U.S. mission there.

• **Ice dam operates**—Excavation is being resumed on the Gorge High Dam of Seattle City Light after a shutdown of more than a year, necessitated by seepage through a controversial ice barrier. City Light took over the original refrigeration equipment and replaced it with heavier equipment, making possible the achievement of temperatures as low as minus 40 F, as compared to the minus 10 F possible with the earlier equipment.

• **Conservation pays**—Farmers practicing conservation save Pennsylvania taxpayers close to $500 a mile each year in maintenance costs, the U. S. Soil Conservation's state headquarters at Harrisburg said recently. Cost of removing mud, repairing roadbank and culverts along an ordinary mile through rural land averaged $512, the report said. By contrast, the cost of maintaining a mile through York County's soil conservation farm areas was only $39. Savings are attributed directly to the farmers, who, by keeping their slopes under better grass and wood cover, and with planned water disposal systems, prevent run-away soil and water from impairing the roads.

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ENR's First Quarter Roundup–

Construction Cost and Estimating Guide

In this first of four Construction Cost and Estimating Guides planned for 1958, emphasis is placed on building costs and the labor and material prices that affect them. Nevertheless, the important cost data pertaining to other types of construction, which appeared in the Oct. 17, 1957 Annual Cost Issue of ENR, are also updated, so that a complete industry picture is presented.

Each of the succeeding quarterly reports will follow this same pattern, but with the special emphasis placed on a different aspect of construction—highways for example, or materials prices or labor costs.

The advantage to the reader, over a single annual report on construction costs, should be more timely cost data presented in more convenient form. For these fast changing times at least, when accurate cost estimating is so vital, the four quarterly reports should keep data current and useful.

As the first quarter of 1958 nears its end, the evidence seems conclusive that the building cost pattern of the past five years will not be altered: Costs will rise, but the rate of rise will be less than in the preceding year. ENR forecasts its 20-cities Building Cost Index will reach 530 in December, based on 1913 = 100. This would be 2.7% higher than December '57, but the smallest year-to-year rise since 1953.

Contractor selling prices also will lose some of their upward momentum this year. Stiff competition for building projects should hold the rise in prices of finished structures to a smaller percentage increase than will be experienced in the costs of basic materials and labor as measured by the ENR cost indexes. Such competition appears inevitable because the volume of available new building projects will drop for the second straight year.

Although most of the major building materials are currently selling at higher prices than a year ago, many materials prices turned downward during the last 6 to 12 months and others may follow suit in '58.

With materials prices more stable than any time since 1953, contractors will face only one major push on costs in '58. This will come from rising wage rates. During the first three months of this year, construction workers won wage increases comparable to the substantial raises received in 1956 and 1957. And others are in unions having long-term contracts—2-3-5 years duration—which provide the workers with sizeable increases to become effective this year plus additional increases thereafter. Recent contractor-union agreements to eliminate wasteful union practices may raise labor productivity, and indeed this is about the only available prospect to offset the continuing rise in wage rates.

The purpose of the pages which follow is to update the construction industry on the latest trends in building costs, over-all selling prices and unit bid prices to the end that estimating and bidding may be as efficient and successful as possible under the conditions that will exist during the balance of the year ahead.

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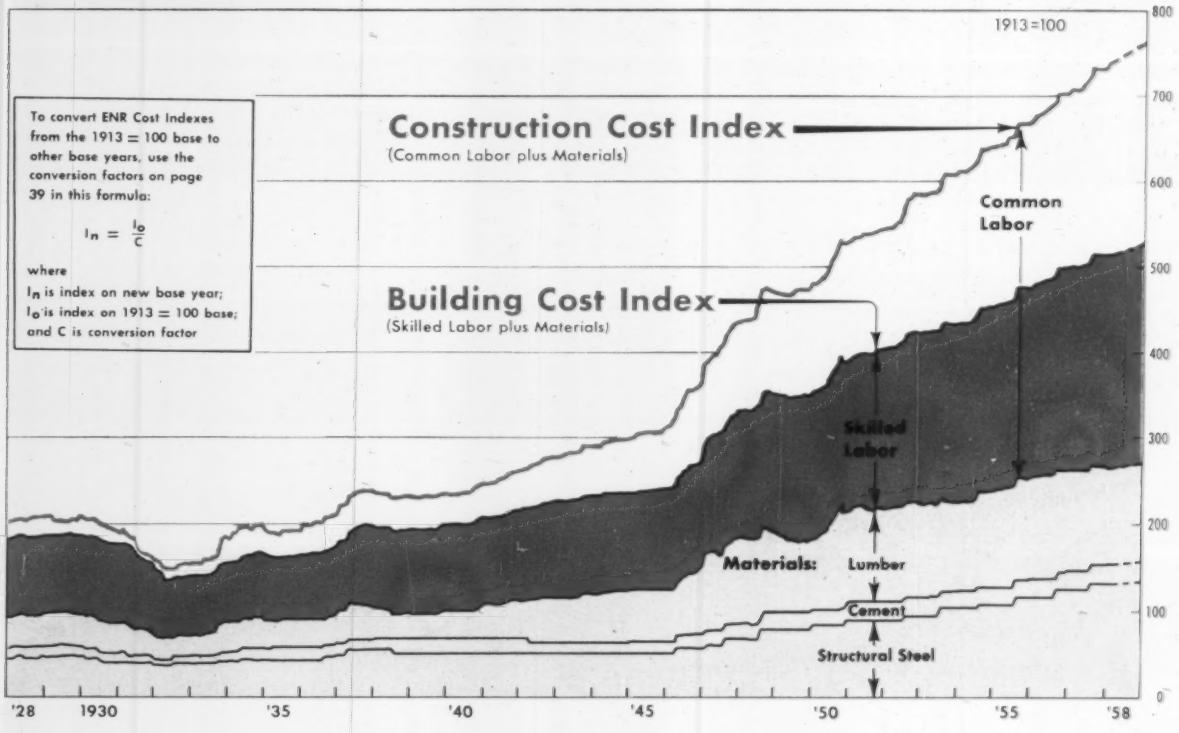
The Cost Trend 1928-1958



The Cost Uptrend Slows

BUILDING costs continue to rise for the twenty-second consecutive year, as measured by the ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD Building Cost Index. The ENR Construction Cost Index is chalking up its eighteenth consecutive annual increase.

These sustained upward marches in costs span a period marked by two wars and three recessions in U.S. economic activity. Costs rose despite price and wage controls established during World War II and the "police action," in Korea. And they moved up in periods of slackening demand for new construction during which contractors bought less materials and labor. While some downturns occurred during the last 18-22 years, these dips were moderate and short-lived so that annual indexes rose continuously.

The chart above shows that the major upward force on costs comes from rising wage scales for construction workers. In the 1950s, the wage push has been particularly strong.

Materials prices also contributed to the inflation of the building cost dollar but overcapacity and shrinking demand have at times (1958, for example) resulted in smaller than average price increases for the three key materials, lumber, steel and cement. In fact, lumber quickly reflects sharp fluctuations in construction demand.

• **History and use of ENR indexes**—The Construction Cost Index was established in 1921 to track the wide fluctuations in prices following World War I. It was carried back to 1913 by months and to 1903 by years.

The Building Cost Index was established in 1938 when common labor wages moved up faster than skilled. It was skilled labor only; the Construction Cost Index uses common labor only.

Both indexes reprice the three major materials, steel, lumber and cement and four construction trades, common labor, bricklayers, carpenters, and structural ironworkers. The weighting of these components in the indexes is:

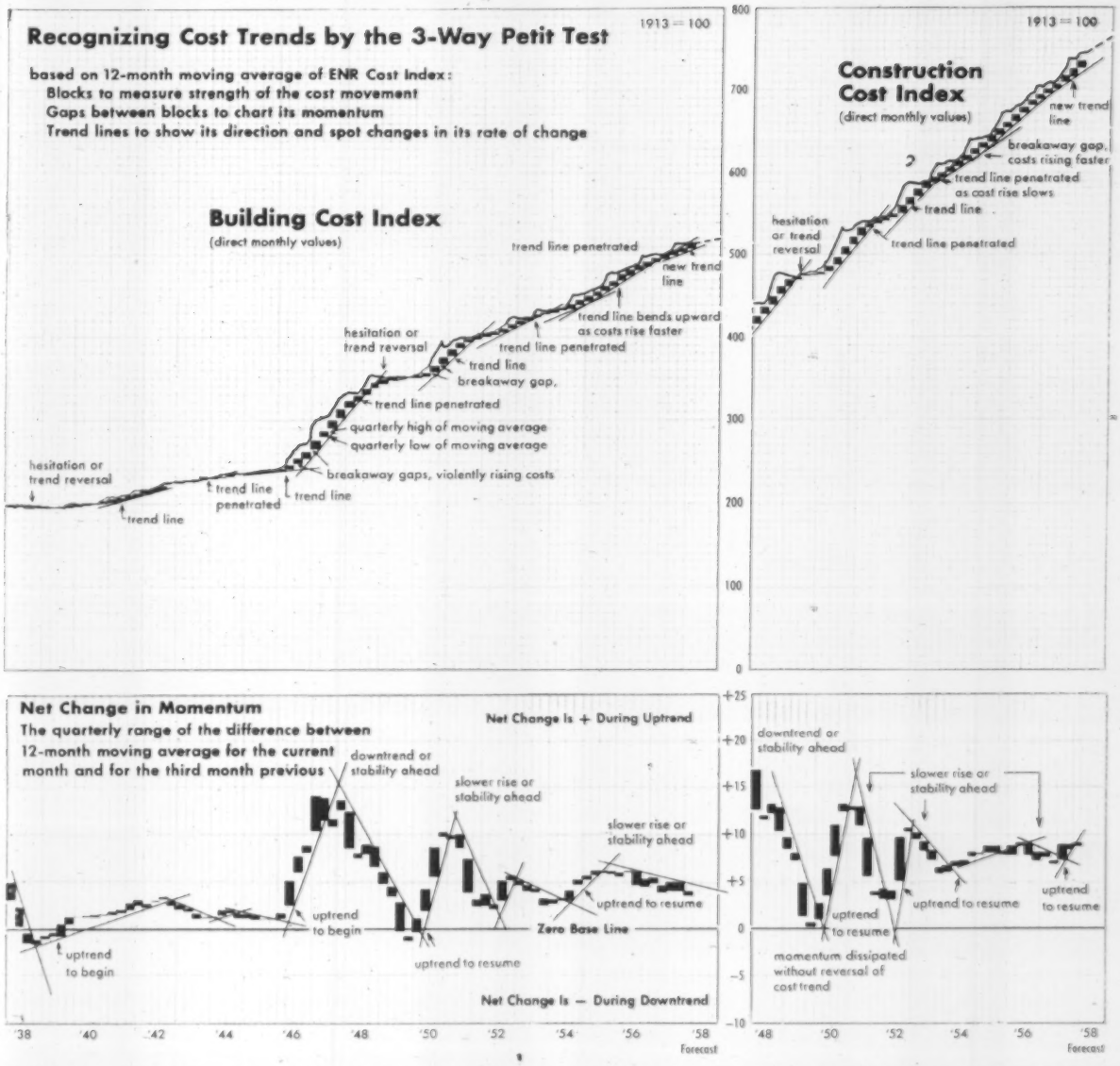
Components used . . .	. . . in construction cost	. . . in building cost
Structural Steel . . . cwt	25	25
Lumber, 2x4's . . . Mbf	1.088	1.088
Cement . . . . . bbl	6	6
Common Labor . . . hr	200	0
Skilled labor . . . . . hr	0	68.38

These indexes measure trends of basic materials and labor costs without correction up or down for low or high productivity of management and labor on the job. In times of low productivity, contractors' selling prices tend to rise faster than the index; when productivity is higher they drop below the index trend. In periods of less extreme changes in productivity, these indexes have a long history of accuracy in predicting degree as well as direction of change in selling prices.

ENR's indexes are used widely to update cost estimates, to establish reproduction costs of structures, to interpolate special purpose but less frequent indexes and to check bids or estimates.

The materials prices and wage rates used in the indexes are repriced weekly and new values published in the Scoreboard page of ENR. The weekly indexes dated closest to the first day of each month are the official monthly indexes for the new month.

Values of both indexes in each of 20 U.S. cities and two in Canada are computed weekly and published in CONSTRUCTION DAILY. The individual city indexes are charted and tabulated on pages 36 and 37 of this issue. These indexes are updated each month in ENR on the Scoreboard page which gives the official monthly values of the indexes for each city.



CHANGES IN MOMENTUM help predict cost movements. When blocks in the top panel penetrate or depart from the trend line, the trend is changing. For advance notice of a trend shift, watch the momentum net change blocks in the bottom panel.

The '58 Cost Outlook—

Wage increases, cement price hikes at some mills and a rise in mill prices of structural steel will cause a further moderate increase in the ENR Building Cost and Construction Cost Indexes between now and December.

Though upward pressures remain evident the building cost rise has lost momentum. The charts above (left) show this in two ways.

The new trend line drawn along the Building Cost Index momentum blocks in the top panel of the chart above has less of a slope than the previous trend line. This means that the uptrend in Building Costs is losing momentum.

The decrease in momentum is easier to see in the lower panel where the blocks magnify changes in momentum. Notice how the latest block in this panel pulled below the trend line (which is heading down). This shows that the Building Cost uptrend is currently losing momentum faster than it did during the preceding two years. However, because the trend line of momentum net change blocks is above the "zero" line, the upward movement of building costs will continue. No downturn is yet in sight.

The Construction Cost Index uptrend regained the momentum lost in the first half of '57 (lower right panel). While the momentum net change blocks increased a little in the last six months, the first quarter '58 block penetrated the steep trend line. These developments signal a 1958 rise nearly as great as in 1957. The relative positions of the momentum net change trend lines indicate the Construction Cost Index will rise by more than the Building Cost Index.

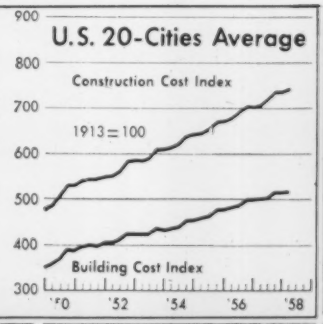
Monthly Index History

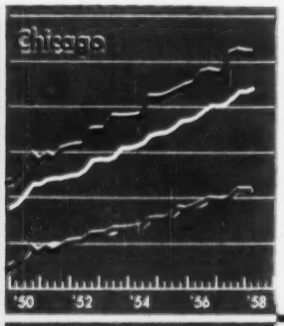
Historical record of ENR cost indexes —graphs and tables—is in the supplement to Engineering News-Record, *October 17, 1957. By Business News Department,* Engineering News-Record, *P. O. Box 89, Times Square Station, New York 36, N. Y. Reprints are available at $1.00 each.*

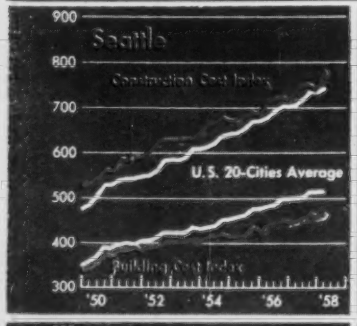
Cost Trends

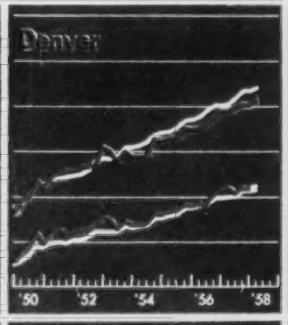
ENR Cost Indexes show how trends in basic construction materials and labor prices in individual cities vary from the trends in the US 20-Cities Averages.

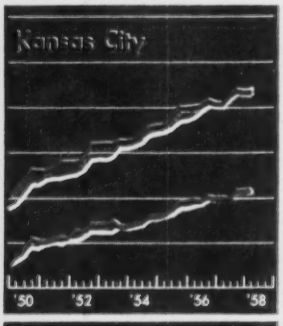
These Indexes are repriced each week. The charts use the official Indexes for the last month of each quarter.

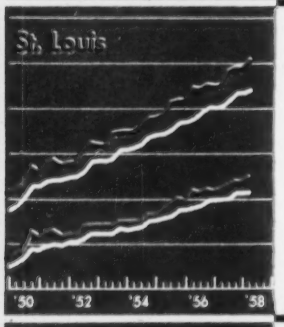


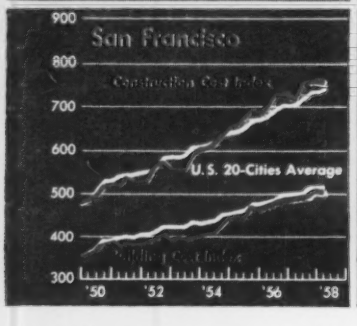


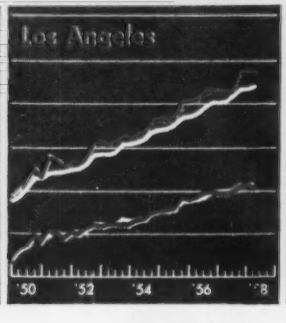


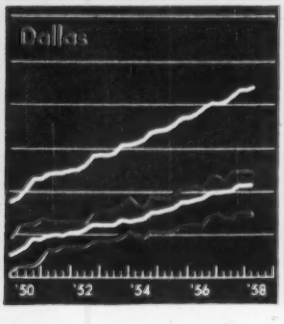


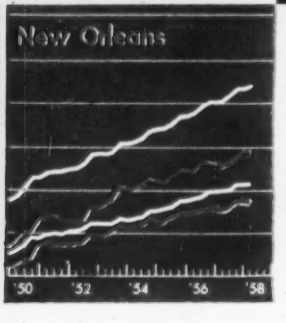












These regional ENR cost indexes show the trend in prices contractors pay for basic construction materials and labor.

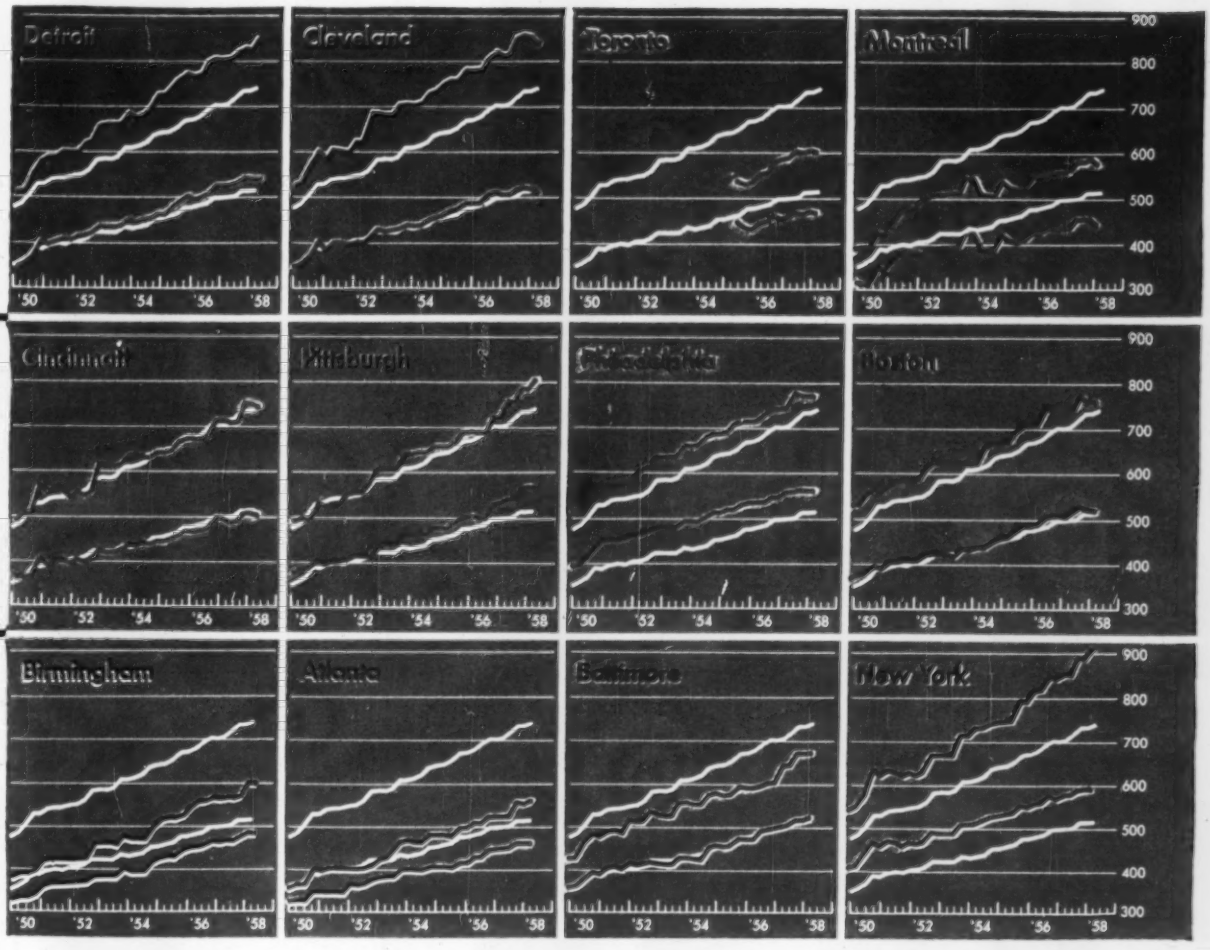
The components of the indexes for each U.S. city are the same as the U.S. average indexes: 25 cwt of structural steel, 3-mill average; 6 bbl of bulk portland cement; 1.088 Mfbm of 2 x 4 lumber; 200 hr common labor (Construction Cost Index); and 68.38 hr skilled labor (Building Cost Index), average rate for bricklayers, carpenters and structural ironworkers.

In Canadian cities, the warehouse price of structural steel has to be used so the steel weighting is 15 cwt. Price of Canadian-made steel is used prior to

Building Cost Indexes 1913 = 100

	1948		1949		1950		1951		1952		1953		1954				1955				1956				1957				1958
	Sep	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar
Atlanta	302	308	308	313	316	339	339	351	373	371	376	392	392	396	400	400	399	417	419	424	424	441	441	442	442	458	456	456	
Baltimore	375	387	349	351	375	387	403	413	414	416	415	418	424	428	448	455	450	452	472	472	472	491	497	498	499	503	518	520	523
Birmingham	320	321	329	319	341	347	351	353	358	372	372	386	386	386	409	420	423	423	434	442	443	447	456	455	457	457	468	476	477
Boston	363	357	362	37	379	39	407	416	422	425	419	433	436	438	448	453	458	471	488	487	490	503	508	509	507	518	531	523	522
Chicago	360	353	349	353	381	391	[illegible]	413	416	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	369	477	488	486	493	500	507	506	504	511	530	528	527
Cincinnati	374	374	356	362	368	39[illegible]	398	411	406	420	424	434	435	441	444	445	450	456	467	466	469	475	493	491	486	489	507	504	501
Cleveland	352	339	332	349	379	388	402	403	419	428	435	438	442	451	458	464	472	477	489	489	489	508	515	508	509	522	527	524	512
Dallas	322	322	322	318	323	338	[illegible]	371	371	38[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	406	422	426	428	424	446	449	439	439	451	451	451
Denver	369	365	351	359	395	400	432	425	433	462	434	441	444	443	468	467	470	474	485	483	487	488	503	519	523	510	522	522	524
Detroit	358	347	336	351	376	400	411	416	424	438	441	446	449	45[illegible]	467	466	481	490	503	498	505	514	528	527	528	535	545	545	545
Kansas City	366	367	357	357	390	406	411	417	434	446	452	442	446	450	466	466	467	477	494	494	497	497	507	503	505	503	516	516	517
Los Angeles	368	356	339	340	380	377	395	398	407	415	421	419	428	433	448	452	453	457	483	479	485	491	497	494	494	496	508	513	507
Minneapolis	370	368	361	363	389	413	421	438	438	454	459	468	468	473	491	492	492	493	502	502	503	515	526	526	527	530	537	537	537
New Orleans	302	310	325	325	340	376	377	379	381	397	407	416	419	422	435	432	431	439	449	449	451	457	462	464	463	467	477	481	478
New York	403	395	398	402	439	459	463	462	465	484	483	507	509	516	526	528	531	533	548	545	553	556	573	569	578	578	580	591	593
Philadelphia	394	391	394	392	415	449	449	461	472	480	479	494	494	503	516	516	521	523	533	535	536	538	548	549	556	560	562	561	561
Pittsburgh	376	384	375	377	387	397	400	416	416	439	440	460	463	463	475	475	478	489	498	506	500	500	529	533	541	541	566	568	569
St. Louis	385	391	375	377	396	421	436	427	444	447	446	455	455	457	473	477	483	495	503	502	523	522	527	525	529	538	546	546	552
San Francisco	350	347	341	345	361	389	380	379	386	389	389	397	399	404	420	441	447	447	468	461	470	476	480	484	485	504	497	506	503
Seattle	328	328	328	341	358	374	384	383	389	400	401	402	412	413	419	414	414	418	436	428	439	444	452	450	452	456	467	458	466
Montreal	314	316	316	314	317	345	378	385	393	395	399	430	396	393	391	422	408	405	412	427	429	437	437	438	437	451	452	453	446
Toronto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	449	436	432	446	450	465	459	462	469	468	471	470
U. S. Average	357	356	349	353	373	391	401	406	413	425	426	436	437	440	454	457	460	465	479	479	483	489	500	500	501	504	516	516	516

in 22 Cities



the devaluation of Canada's dollar in October 1949; the average of Canadian and U.S.-made steel is used since. Cement's weighting is 10 bbl. Lumber and labor are weighted the same as in the U.S. indexes.

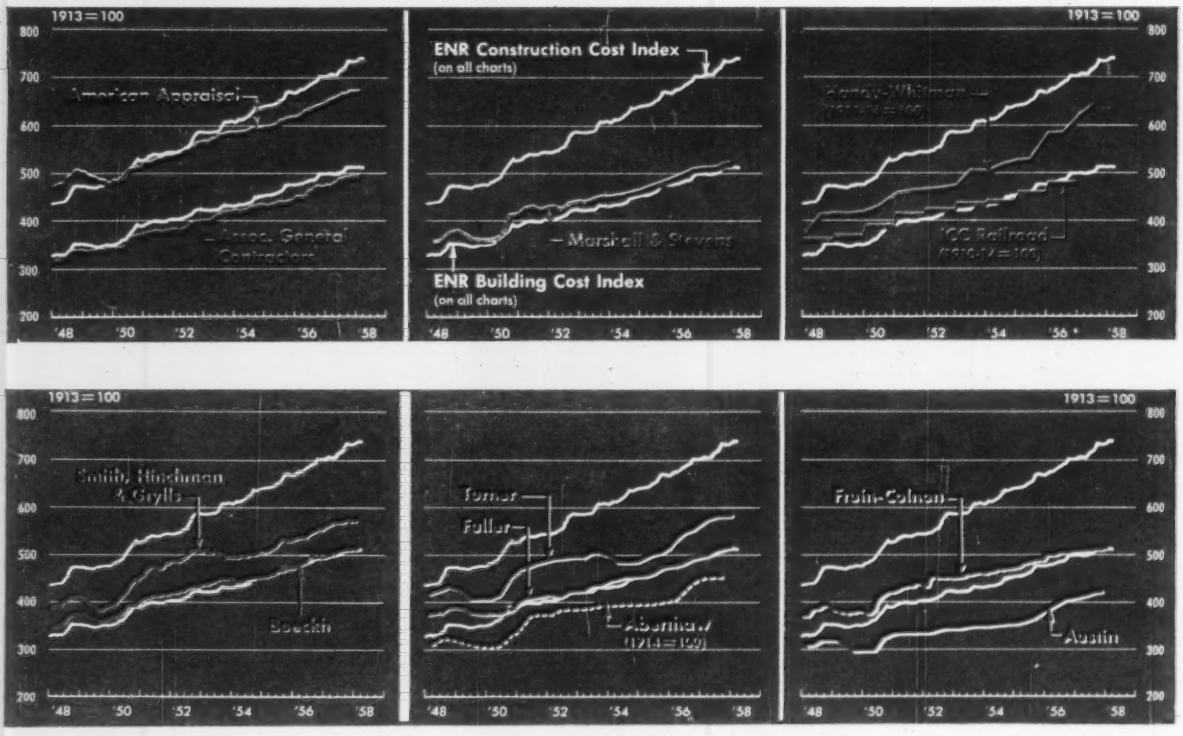
The purpose of these indexes is not to measure relative costs between cities, but major differences between cities are usually due to wage differentials. Low productivity often accompanies low wages.

ENR indexes are uncorrected for productivity changes, so allowances for this factor should be made in estimating end-product price or construction selling price trends based on the cost trends shown here.

Construction Cost Indexes 1913=100

	1948		1949		1950		1951		1952		1953		1954				1955				1956				1957				1958
	Sep	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar
Atlanta	325	345	345	345	354	390	395	395	397	418	438	460	458	458	474	474	474	472	492	495	502	502	522	522	523	523	550	548	558
Baltimore	462	462	425	424	462	474	488	513	511	526	525	553	549	548	573	578	574	575	595	592	591	595	601	602	642	643	670	670	672
Birmingham	378	379	389	377	381	413	416	416	417	450	447	465	465	465	488	507	511	511	519	534	546	549	557	553	556	556	563	563	563
Boston	513	508	526	532	556	563	586	588	614	629	623	624	627	659	669	671	675	696	709	709	712	744	746	747	744	746	773	765	764
Chicago	537	530	526	542	584	593	598	624	626	661	690	690	692	693	734	744	736	741	752	762	769	788	792	790	789	831	838	836	835
Cincinnati	505	505	487	496	510	553	556	548	553	609	613	631	630	630	641	642	645	664	673	671	674	680	717	715	711	713	751	748	745
Cleveland	535	523	514	530	578	587	606	626	685	682	706	708	712	731	738	751	759	762	785	785	785	809	826	819	820	856	861	859	847
Dallas	398	398	398	397	423	438	437	437	437	455	463	482	470	465	487	484	484	488	507	510	512	509	534	534	525	525	547	547	547
Denver	499	496	482	470	506	528	558	564	572	612	582	595	595	597	633	632	635	637	656	653	655	670	680	696	697	702	710	710	725
Detroit	511	500	489	515	555	592	602	601	625	663	663	682	685	700	729	729	743	763	776	772	778	800	810	808	809	823	832	831	852
Kansas City	500	500	501	511	551	570	575	586	588	623	623	630	635	645	661	663	664	685	702	702	705	709	720	715	715	735	742	742	742
Los Angeles	511	495	478	494	529	537	572	569	574	610	612	626	634	640	665	667	667	672	705	708	714	733	736	731	731	741	778	778	773
Minneapolis	512	510	504	512	538	562	587	592	593	628	655	661	661	681	697	697	697	711	720	720	721	747	757	757	758	781	788	788	803
New Orleans	350	354	379	379	402	438	439	435	437	466	486	502	506	516	528	523	522	535	545	545	547	564	567	564	563	572	581	591	588
New York	549	541	534	539	575	622	627	626	629	665	664	713	732	732	742	745	747	750	794	791	816	819	847	842	852	852	890	888	910
Philadelphia	470	467	492	515	541	575	575	582	616	636	635	666	666	681	691	691	696	711	721	721	722	737	747	747	749	780	776	775	775
Pittsburgh	470	502	492	492	499	529	531	557	577	607	608	640	645	645	654	654	657	669	690	695	688	688	727	727	762	762	791	788	804
St. Louis	542	542	508	522	552	569	597	587	608	628	648	654	655	669	684	687	693	720	728	727	737	756	761	759	760	789	796	796	814
San Francisco	490	484	478	483	495	519	533	527	565	559	556	600	602	617	631	649	658	676	690	684	693	726	727	722	720	758	763	761	758
Seattle	512	512	530	530	548	563	586	592	620	635	636	643	664	665	682	676	676	681	693	685	716	720	724	722	748	749	756	747	785
Montreal	406	408	408	394	397	427	473	484	510	512	516	550	516	513	511	542	528	525	532	550	552	560	560	561	560	586	587	591	584
Toronto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	543	538	554	558	562	592	595	596	611	608	609	607
U. S. Average	478	478	474	480	507	531	543	548	562	588	594	611	614	622	640	643	646	656	673	673	680	692	705	704	709	721	738	738	744

Building Cost & Price Indexes



Contractors' Selling Prices Level Off

Building costs have yet to peak out. But the consensus of ENR and other available indexes is that the uptrend in basic materials and labor costs is tapering off (top row of charts above).

Building contractors' selling price indexes (charts at right in bottom row) now mirror the slower rise in costs. They also reflect the end of materials shortages and price premiums. The Turner quarterly index was unchanged between July '57 and January '58. The Aberthaw semi-annual index dipped 0.5% during the last half of '57.

Other contractor selling price indexes creep upward. The monthly Fruin-Colnon index edged up 0.6% in January after steadying in the last five months of '57. But in February it steadied again. The Fuller quarterly index rose 1.2% in January and the quarterly Austin index crept up 0.4% in December '57.

Two weighted cost indexes which also cover overhead, profit and estimated changes in productivity—Boeckh and Smith Hinchman & Grylls—show little change since September '57 and February values were a whisker below recent highs (left chart, bottom row).

What these contractor price indexes, appraisal and accounting indexes cover is defined in the following paragraphs:

• **Aberthaw Co., Boston, Mass.**—Since March 31, 1946, a composite of 36 major cost items in three multi-story and two one-story New England industrial buildings, including all mechanical trades. Repriced quarterly using actual and estimated labor and material costs. Before March 31, 1946, based on New England seven-story and basement, 62 ft 4 in. x 202 ft 4 in., reinforced concrete building built in 1914. Quarterly through December, 1956; semi-annual beginnings 1957.

• **American Appraisal Co., Milwaukee, Wis.**—30 cities average used here. See page 42 for definition and values for 22 cities. Monthly.

• **Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), Washington, D. C.**—Wages and materials for 12 cities combined in 40-60 ratio. Wages are prevailing rates for hod carriers and common labor. Materials are weighted: sand, gravel, and crushed stone, 1; cement, 1; lumber, 1; hollow tile, ½; structural and reinforcing steel, ½. Monthly.

• **Austin Co., Cleveland, Ohio.**—Reprices typical one-story, steel frame, monitor-type industrial building. Includes concrete foundations, brick curtain walls, continuous steel sash, concrete floor laid on ground, 2 in. wood roof deck on timber purlins covered with four-ply waterproofing, monitor sash with mechanical operators, but no heating, lighting, plumbing, sprinkler, or other services. Priced for central and eastern states. Quarterly.

• **E. H. Boeckh & Associates, Inc., Washington, D. C.**—20 cities average for five commercial and factory buildings price indexes used here. See page 40 for values for 10 classes of buildings in 21 of the 47 U. S. cities covered. Monthly.

• **Fruin-Colnon Contracting Co., St. Louis, Mo.**—Five industrial buildings in St. Louis re-priced on basis of contractor's actual and estimated material and labor costs. Monthly.

• **George A. Fuller Co., New York, N. Y.**—Based on price movements of all materials and labor needed to construct four typical buildings: two in commerce, one in industry, and one purely monumental, modified through the years to include all

Building Cost and Price Index History 1913-58

Base Year = 100:	Weighted Cost Indexes: ENR Construction 1913	ENR Building 1913	American Appraisal Company 1913	Associated General Contractors 1913	Marshall & Stevens 1913	Handy-Whitman: Rein Conc Pacific 1911-14	ICC Railroad: Station & Office 1910-14	E. H. Boeckh: Commercial & Factory Bldg 1913**	Smith Hinchman & Grylls 1913+	Contractor Selling Price Indexes: Abercrombie 1914	Austin 1913+	Fruin-Colnon 1913	Fuller 1913	Turner 1913†
1913	100	100	100	100	100	...	...	100	100		100	100	100	100
'14	89	92	98	99	97			98	...	100	105	102	102	100
'15	93	95	101	100	98	102*	101	101	...	100	115	102	130	101
'16	130	131	116	114	112	151*	115	116	...	107	141	108	143	122
'17	181	167	143	152	127	230*	135	142	...	126	172	128	156	147
'18	189	156	177	175	148	233*	154	156	...	147	206	173	160	165
'19	198	159	229	198	185	220	185	172	...	172	198	174	168	195
'20	251	207	283	247	233	225	215	214	...	234	241	227	209	255
'21	202	166	216	200	178	226	192	175	...	179	180	197	188	184
'22	174	155	200	184	172	165	180	162		170	157	188	175	176
'23	214	186	224	201	182	191	194	181	190	202	181	217	190	195
'24	215	186	222	202	183	212	193	181	193	198	181	223	194	193
'25	207	183	217	199	185	203	188	179	187	195	185	222	193	195
'26	208	185	217	197	185	191	184	181	185	197	185	218	202	195
'27	206	186	217	200	182	196	189	179	185	193	178	214	197	191
'28	207	188	217	199	184	185	188	179	188	191	172	213	196	191
'29	207	191	217	203	179	191	187	184	190	190	170	211	201	185
'30	203	185	200	200	165	188	182	181	181	189	155	207	199	165
'31	181	168	178	196	156	175	165	168	148	176	131	196	180	145
'32	157	141	155	171	130	157	141	144	128	168	117	178	157	136
'33	170	148	150	163	143	145	145	148	137	170	117	181	155	140
'34	198	167	161	178	156	166	151	161	157	176	128	191	171	160
'35	196	166	162	176	164	174	151	159	161	177	139	185	167	162
'36	206	172	170	179	166	175	157	164	173	184	150	188	168	167
'37	235	196	198	188	180	186	166	183	200	199	165	210	187	187
'38	236	197	199	189	178	199	166	189	200	191	161	207	192	182
'39	236	197	200	188	183	192	166	191	199	190	152	208	195	182
'40	242	203	204	189	190	194	177	195	204	193	163	211	196	193
'41	258	211	217	198	202	201	188	204	217	208	198	220	206	216
'42	276	222	241	209	218	238	208	214	226	223	213	227	229	235
'43	290	229	252	216	227	243	219	223	245	225	215	235	238	258
'44	299	235	261	223	234	243	227	238	264	227	223	241	240	244
'45	308	239	271	231	248	248	244	252	285	236	234	247	241	258
'46	346	262	322	257	288	251	291	275	319	279	273	285	290	318
'47	413	313	430	296	338	328	333	323	371	304	301	347	354	382
'48	461	345	490	332	368	374	364	365	405	321	317	382	380	424
'49	477	352	490	342	365	416	368	369	395	312	307	382	382	413
'50	510	375	500	357	390	420	390	386	426	321	313	398	377	427
'51	543	401	532	377	430	458	412	415	476	370	337	433	405	478
'52	569	416	553	388	436	466	426	430	499	381	342	439	416	493
'53	600	431	577	408	448	477	438	445	504	388	347	466	429	500
'54	628	446	592	426	459	501	442	450	500	394	352	469	450	489
'55	660	469	608	439	479	524	460	465	522	398	366	483	462	498
'56	692	491	635	462	503	588	480	489	544	427	400	503	482	544
'57 Aver	724	509	663	483	515	624	...	507	568	453	420	512	504	576
Dec.	738	516	672	490	524		...	512	572	452A	426	514	513B	580B
'58 Jan.	743	517	673	493		644	...	513	574		...	517	519	580
Feb.	744	516		493			...	512	572		...	517	...	...
Mar.	744	516					...				...		...	...

* Annual values; indexes for 1919-1958 are January 1 values except 1922 which is February 1 value
** Index reported on 1926-29 base
+ Index reported on 1926 = 100 base
† Index reported on 1939 = 190 base
• A July-December period
• B October

modern innovations of engineering and architecture, such as high-speed elevators, modern lighting, cantilever constructions, lightweight aggregates, etc. Re-priced quarterly on basis of company's experience.

• **Marshall and Stevens, Inc. of Illinois, Chicago, Ill.**—A national average with a system of modifiers to get regional and municipal values for each of four types of building: A—Fireproof, protected steel; B—Fireproof, reinforced concrete; C—Masonry buildings; D—Frame. They are designed to reflect normal costs in line with recognized or published prices of building materials, equipment, and labor. Extraordinary or intangible conditions are not included. Quarterly and annual for ENR.

• **Smith Hinchman & Grylls, Inc., Detroit, Mich.**—Actual in-place costs, using building materials costs, freight rates, skilled and unskilled labor rates and including labor efficiency and premiums, bidding competition, contractor profit margins and overhead. Figured with the contractor overhead are taxes, duration of projects, material expediting, and labor procurement. Monthly.

• **Turner Construction Co., New York, N. Y.**—Eastern cities. Own cost experience on labor rates, material prices, productivity of labor, efficiency of plant and management, competitive conditions, forecast of price trends. Quarterly and special as needed.

• **Railroad Construction Cost Indexes ICC, Washington, D. C.**—Stations and office building series used here. See ENR Oct. 17, 1957, p. 93 for definition of this Interstate Commerce Commission analysis of major contracts. Annual.

• **Handy-Whitman, Whitman, Requardt & Associates, Inc., Baltimore.**—Reinforced concrete building in the Pacific Division series used here. See page 45 for definition and selected values for seven of 103 construction cost elements. Semi-annual.

Converting ENR Indexes* To Other Base Years

To convert from base 1913 = 100 to base below	Divide 1913 = 100 values of Construction Cost Index by	Divide 1913 = 100 values of Building Cost Index by
1949 = 100	4.7702	3.5179
1947-49 = 100	4.5033	3.3642
1940 = 100	2.4196	2.0281
1939 = 100	2.3551	1.9744
1926 = 100	2.0803	1.8499
1925-29 = 100	2.0695	1.8648
1926-29 = 100	2.0702	1.8747
1929 = 100	0.0702	1.9086
1910-14 = 100	0.9380	0.9477
1924 = 100	2.1536	1.8578
1923-25 = 100	2.1204	1.8481
1914 = 100	0.8856	0.9191
1911 = 100	0.9343	0.9414

Conversions to other base years are made by simple ratios:

$$I_{n,b} = \frac{I_{o,b}}{I_{n,bv}} \times 100$$

where $I_{n,b}$ is index on new base, $I_{o,b}$ is index value on old base, $I_{n,bv}$ is old base index value for new base year

* Applies to 20-cities index, not to individual cities

–Boeckh Building Cost Index

E. H. Boeckh & Assoc., Inc., 1406 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.—U. S. Average 1926-'29=100

U. S. AVERAGE

Annual Averages By Cities	Residences Frame	Residences Brick	Apartments, Hotels, Office Bldgs. Brick and Wood	Apartments, Hotels, Office Bldgs. Brick and Conc.	Apartments, Hotels, Office Bldgs. Brick and Steel	Commercial & Factory Bldgs. Frame	Commercial & Factory Bldgs. Steel	Commercial & Factory Bldgs. Brick and Wood	Commercial & Factory Bldgs. Brick and Steel	Commercial & Factory Bldgs. Brick and Conc
1926-29	101.4	102.5	102.5	102.8	101.3	102.2	100.8	101.7	102.2	104.6
1939	101.2	104.4	104.1	111.2	109.4	101.3	110.4	105.0	112.1	113.3
1946	161.8	161.9	161.7	154.0	154.8	165.6	145.0	158.7	154.8	156.0
1949	213.8	215.6	215.0	208.1	208.4	218.4	195.5	211.9	208.7	211.4
1956	275.1	283.5	283.1	290.5	284.7	280.0	287.9	283.3	300.2	300.1
1957	273.1	281.4	281.0	287.7	282.2	277.8	283.8	280.9	296.6	297.1
Feb. 1958	272.5	281.9	281.5	291.4	284.2	277.0	288.7	282.1	331.3	302.0

ATLANTA AREA

1926-29	82.7	87.0	84.2	83.7	87.0	82.9	94.5	84.7	87.5	86.8
1939	82.8	86.0	86.1	95.1	95.0	80.6	96.2	88.6	94.6	97.4
1946	149.2	148.1	148.2	136.8	139.9	151.7	130.0	146.8	135.1	136.4
1949	189.9	189.3	189.3	180.6	185.4	191.7	172.7	186.5	177.5	180.8
1956	235.7	237.2	237.4	241.7	244.3	239.1	247.8	235.3	246.4	244.4
1957	239.0	241.2	241.4	248.7	250.3	242.2	257.6	239.7	254.7	252.1
Feb. 1958	238.9	242.6	242.6	253.8	253.0	242.0	263.4	242.2	260.0	259.2

BALTIMORE AREA

1926-29	107.2	112.0	107.6	100.6	100.7	106.3	95.5	106.8	96.8	101.2
1939	93.5	95.5	95.6	99.3	99.2	94.0	101.7	96.6	101.4	100.2
1946	163.1	161.7	162.2	149.1	150.8	167.6	138.9	158.8	150.0	148.2
1949	216.4	217.4	217.3	204.5	204.8	220.5	191.8	216.6	204.6	208.5
1956	266.6	267.5	268.6	260.6	262.0	271.3	260.3	265.2	269.1	262.7
1957	270.2	274.4	275.2	273.4	271.9	275.3	275.5	272.6	283.6	280.0
Feb. 1958	270.4	275.6	276.6	277.7	275.2	274.7	282.1	274.7	289.0	285.1

BIRMINGHAM AREA

1926-29	91.7	96.7	94.1	95.5	96.8	90.2	97.5	94.6	96.3	96.3
1939	87.8	90.9	91.5	96.1	96.2	84.9	96.9	95.1	95.6	96.3
1946	149.3	147.4	147.9	137.3	139.4	149.7	128.1	145.4	135.2	137.4
1949	188.2	187.2	187.6	178.9	182.0	192.8	172.6	183.7	177.7	180.0
1956	234.7	239.8	240.1	240.1	239.9	236.3	236.8	241.9	243.5	246.5
1957	237.9	243.0	243.9	246.8	247.2	239.4	250.7	245.5	253.0	252.3
Feb. 1958	238.4	244.8	245.6	252.6	250.5	240.0	257.2	248.4	260.1	260.1

BOSTON AREA

1926-29	116.3	120.3	115.4	106.2	107.0	118.8	106.3	112.5	108.7	105.8
1939	106.2	110.4	110.1	116.3	113.7	105.7	114.2	111.5	118.2	118.5
1946	167.0	166.5	166.0	156.8	156.6	172.1	147.1	161.1	158.5	160.4
1949	223.0	226.5	225.9	216.7	215.6	227.1	201.3	222.9	218.2	221.9
1956	277.3	284.7	284.6	284.9	281.7	282.6	279.1	281.6	295.6	293.1
1957	283.9	293.2	293.4	298.7	293.1	288.7	296.4	292.3	311.7	308.4
Feb. 1958	281.7	292.1	292.5	299.8	292.9	286.0	299.6	291.6	314.4	310.4

CHICAGO AREA

1926-29	109.2	114.2	109.8	113.2	109.1	112.9	105.2	105.9	112.0	116.0
1939	110.6	112.5	111.1	123.6	118.7	114.2	117.6	109.3	122.6	127.6
1946	168.3	166.0	164.2	158.9	156.9	168.1	144.5	157.4	157.0	162.5
1949	219.2	218.3	216.1	210.6	208.7	229.1	193.3	207.7	210.4	215.1
1956	279.8	283.1	280.6	287.6	279.6	291.7	272.7	271.3	292.5	298.3
1957	284.1	288.9	286.5	298.6	289.3	296.1	288.0	278.1	305.8	310.9
Feb. 1958	283.5	289.4	287.0	302.7	291.9	295.4	293.0	278.9	310.7	315.9

CINCINNATI AREA

1926-29	100.5	105.0	101.3	101.0	100.2	100.2	99.6	103.1	100.6	101.0
1939	103.3	106.2	105.9	113.9	110.4	103.3	111.7	107.1	113.7	116.5
1946	165.6	166.8	166.7	154.5	154.7	167.5	140.7	166.4	154.4	156.1
1949	214.1	216.6	215.8	207.5	206.0	217.9	193.5	214.1	208.4	212.2
1956	266.7	276.2	275.4	280.0	272.0	270.7	268.3	277.7	286.4	291.1
1957	272.8	283.3	282.2	290.6	281.5	277.1	283.8	285.4	299.3	302.4
Feb. 1958	271.3	282.9	281.9	292.9	282.6	275.5	288.1	285.5	303.2	305.4

CLEVELAND AREA

1926-29	107.2	113.4	108.5	111.3	108.3	109.0	103.0	107.2	110.5	114.8
1939	106.2	109.6	109.5	115.3	112.8	107.5	112.9	109.5	117.7	118.0
1946	169.2	169.4	168.7	160.2	159.9	174.1	146.4	164.3	161.0	165.9
1949	224.8	225.7	223.6	216.0	213.0	233.0	198.5	218.0	217.2	220.9
1956	286.7	294.4	291.7	296.3	286.1	296.8	277.9	288.8	303.0	308.8
1957	293.9	305.0	302.6	311.0	298.5	302.3	294.6	302.5	320.2	325.1
Feb. 1958	292.9	305.6	303.4	313.7	300.2	300.1	298.1	304.9	323.8	328.2

DALLAS AREA

1926-29	103.1	107.3	103.2	98.9	99.1	103.6	100.5	100.9	99.4	99.7
1939	95.1	95.8	96.7	98.8	100.2	91.8	106.6	96.0	101.9	98.9
1946	150.2	148.8	149.4	139.8	144.4	153.5	140.3	144.6	142.6	141.1
1949	207.2	206.2	206.9	197.1	201.3	210.3	197.1	203.2	201.5	195.4
1956	251.5	254.3	255.5	253.9	256.0	254.6	263.3	253.8	262.8	255.1
1957	258.2	263.7	265.5	263.4	264.2	258.4	274.7	267.1	274.8	265.6
Feb. 1958	256.3	262.3	264.1	264.2	263.4	256.1	275.2	266.2	275.3	266.8

DENVER AREA

1926-29	95.0	99.7	95.5	102.4	99.6	95.5	105.5	94.6	101.4	108.0
1939	112.1	112.0	111.2	116.1	114.4	114.3	118.7	109.5	117.0	117.8
1946	160.1	160.3	150.4	155.3	157.9	164.0	155.6	156.8	160.0	158.3
1949	212.9	215.8	215.9	211.0	213.1	216.2	207.0	214.3	214.6	215.3
1956	269.3	274.9	274.9	275.8	275.3	273.4	277.6	273.7	285.1	282.3
1957	272.1	281.3	281.5	285.4	282.8	274.1	289.1	284.7	296.4	293.1
Feb. 1958	270.1	280.6	280.8	285.9	282.1	271.0	288.5	285.8	296.9	293.8

DETROIT AREA

1926-29	103.3	108.4	104.3	102.9	102.4	103.7	103.1	103.5	103.3	104.4
1939	98.8	102.7	102.9	108.6	107.5	98.7	108.8	104.2	111.4	110.1
1946	165.9	165.9	165.8	157.4	157.9	171.3	147.5	160.9	160.0	159.7
1949	221.0	222.6	221.9	212.2	211.5	227.0	196.8	216.8	214.2	215.9
1956	284.9	292.1	290.3	294.6	285.7	293.1	279.7	287.1	301.4	305.3
1957	288.2	297.8	296.6	303.5	293.4	295.1	292.8	295.7	313.6	315.5
Feb. 1958	287.9	299.9	298.6	308.3	295.8	293.9	297.5	299.6	319.7	321.5

KANSAS CITY AREA

1926-29	100.3	106.5	102.2	105.7	103.3	101.1	105.9	101.9	107.5	108.8
1939	104.4	109.9	109.8	118.3	115.4	103.8	117.2	113.0	120.0	121.6
1946	166.5	165.6	165.4	158.2	159.5	172.3	151.0	159.8	159.3	160.3
1949	215.9	216.7	216.3	209.0	211.1	221.8	199.4	210.0	211.3	211.5
1956	268.5	273.4	272.6	273.5	270.9	275.5	268.8	268.0	280.0	283.8
1957	271.7	276.9	276.2	280.3	276.8	279.2	280.5	271.5	288.7	290.8
Feb. 1958	270.2	274.5	273.6	280.5	276.3	278.7	283.9	267.1	289.9	290.6

LOS ANGELES AREA

1926-29	92.7	97.9	93.5	98.8	96.8	93.5	97.0	91.3	97.5	103.1
1939	93.6	97.2	97.5	103.7	105.0	95.6	109.5	96.8	106.2	104.9
1946	155.1	156.1	156.2	155.3	156.7	160.1	158.3	150.9	160.0	158.7
1949	203.2	207.0	206.0	209.9	210.7	205.3	201.2	201.8	210.2	212.4
1956	266.7	272.6	271.7	282.9	278.7	274.4	278.6	265.0	289.3	292.9
1957	267.9	275.4	274.8	292.8	287.8	275.3	297.8	268.9	303.7	303.3
Feb. 1958	265.0	274.0	273.6	297.2	296.8	271.8	307.5	268.7	310.9	308.0

MINNEAPOLIS AREA

1926-29	92.8	98.2	94.6	95.6	96.1	92.8	100.0	93.9	97.9	98.4
1939	101.9	105.0	104.2	113.5	110.7	102.7	113.4	103.6	114.5	117.2
1946	163.7	167.0	167.5	156.5	155.7	164.9	142.6	168.2	157.2	159.5
1949	218.7	218.7	217.7	205.1	206.9	224.4	192.6	211.7	205.8	208.0
1956	276.8	286.0	285.6	281.2	277.4	279.6	269.3	282.7	289.2	290.9
1957	281.9	292.8	292.7	290.8	285.5	284.1	283.9	293.5	301.5	301.5
Feb. 1958	280.1	291.8	291.9	292.6	286.3	282.2	280.2	294.9	305.7	303.9

NEW ORLEANS AREA

1926-29	93.3	96.3	93.4	86.5	90.6	93.3	93.7	91.5	89.5	86.5
1939	89.0	90.3	91.3	95.4	98.3	88.1	102.8	91.7	98.5	94.9
1946	148.9	147.7	148.2	138.6	142.8	151.2	138.7	145.4	142.0	138.7
1949	201.6	201.4	202.0	188.8	194.6	204.9	186.0	200.0	191.8	189.8
1956	244.9	246.5	247.2	244.7	249.2	249.6	247.1	244.3	251.0	247.3
1957	250.4	254.1	255.1	253.7	256.5	253.3	257.3	253.1	261.4	256.7
Feb. 1958	250.4	255.9	256.7	257.5	257.8	252.4	259.8	268.7	265.3	261.9

NEW YORK CITY AREA

1926-29	133.3	138.4	131.9	122.8	120.4	137.5	113.1	127.4	123.2	125.3
1939	122.1	123.3	122.5	130.6	125.9	125.6	123.7	119.6	130.0	133.3
1946	182.4	181.8	181.1	177.2	174.6	188.1	158.6	177.4	174.8	179.0
1949	240.8	243.7	242.7	242.8	238.2	247.5	217.3	238.3	240.0	246.4
1956	302.2	310.8	309.7	320.1	309.6	309.1	299.3	306.9	324.5	328.6
1957	308.3	318.5	317.2	333.1	320.2	316.0	316.1	315.3	339.8	345.2
Feb. 1958	309.3	320.9	319.4	339.4	324.4	317.6	323.4	317.4	348.1	353.3

PHILADELPHIA AREA

1926-29	100.3	106.3	103.7	105.9	103.1	98.1	101.9	104.2	104.1	107.5
1939	99.2	102.6	102.9	105.7	104.1	98.2	102.0	105.0	105.5	104.7
1946	165.0	163.9	164.9	153.2	154.6	169.0	141.2	161.1	152.7	154.0
1949	220.5	220.6	220.3	209.0	209.0	224.3	190.3	216.3	205.6	209.9
1956	279.5	281.7	284.4	282.1	277.0	284.3	268.6	283.3	285.7	288.5
1957	283.1	289.0	288.6	291.1	285.4	288.1	280.0	286.9	298.1	297.6
Feb. 1958	283.4	289.5	289.2	295.1	289.2	288.3	284.8	286.6	300.2	300.6

PITTSBURGH AREA

1926-29	113.3	118.8	112.8	111.2	107.1	115.4	89.6	112.2	104.6	112.9
1939	113.8	117.0	115.7	117.5	114.2	114.2	109.8	116.5	116.9	119.1
1946	169.5	169.0	168.0	156.6	155.3	173.5	140.1	166.4	153.2	158.9
1949	227.1	229.1	227.7	215.6	212.2	231.3	185.9	227.0	209.8	219.8
1956	281.1	288.0	286.7	283.4	277.0	286.1	262.8	287.1	285.8	291.9
1957	286.4	294.8	293.5	296.5	288.3	292.2	280.8	294.4	302.0	305.8
Feb. 1958	286.1	295.5	294.3	300.2	290.8	291.7	286.3	295.7	306.7	311.5

ST. LOUIS AREA

1926-29	118.6	121.1	115.7	109.9	108.8	121.3	103.3	111.7	107.7	109.3
1939	107.0	110.2	109.9	118.7	116.4	107.6	114.3	110.3	119.2	119.8
1946	167.4	167.1	166.2	159.1	158.9	171.7	145.3	154.8	158.1	161.1
1949	220.7	221.4	220.7	212.8	212.4	226.8	197.5	217.3	213.6	215.7
1956	280.3	288.7	287.6	287.9	280.2	287.8	271.8	288.3	293.3	299.2
1957	283.4	292.0	290.9	295.2	287.0	289.8	285.1	290.3	302.9	307.1
Feb. 1958	285.0	293.7	292.2	300.5	290.4	292.1	291.8	290.8	309.0	312.8

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

1926-29	87.7	93.7	90.4	97.5	96.5	86.1	95.5	91.8	95.9	99.8
1939	99.2	105.7	104.5	117.4	114.4	97.6	114.9	107.4	116.5	121.9
1946	157.5	159.7	160.0	157.9	159.0	160.5	151.5	158.4	160.0	159.3
1949	207.1	213.0	212.8	214.0	213.9	210.0	203.9	213.9	216.1	219.8
1956	270.0	279.0	278.3	288.9	283.4	275.6	281.6	277.3	295.8	298.6
1957	274.4	286.3	285.6	302.9	294.2	278.6	295.8	288.2	310.7	315.2
Feb. 1958	272.8	287.3	286.9	308.0	297.5	276.0	301.9	290.8	316.8	322.1

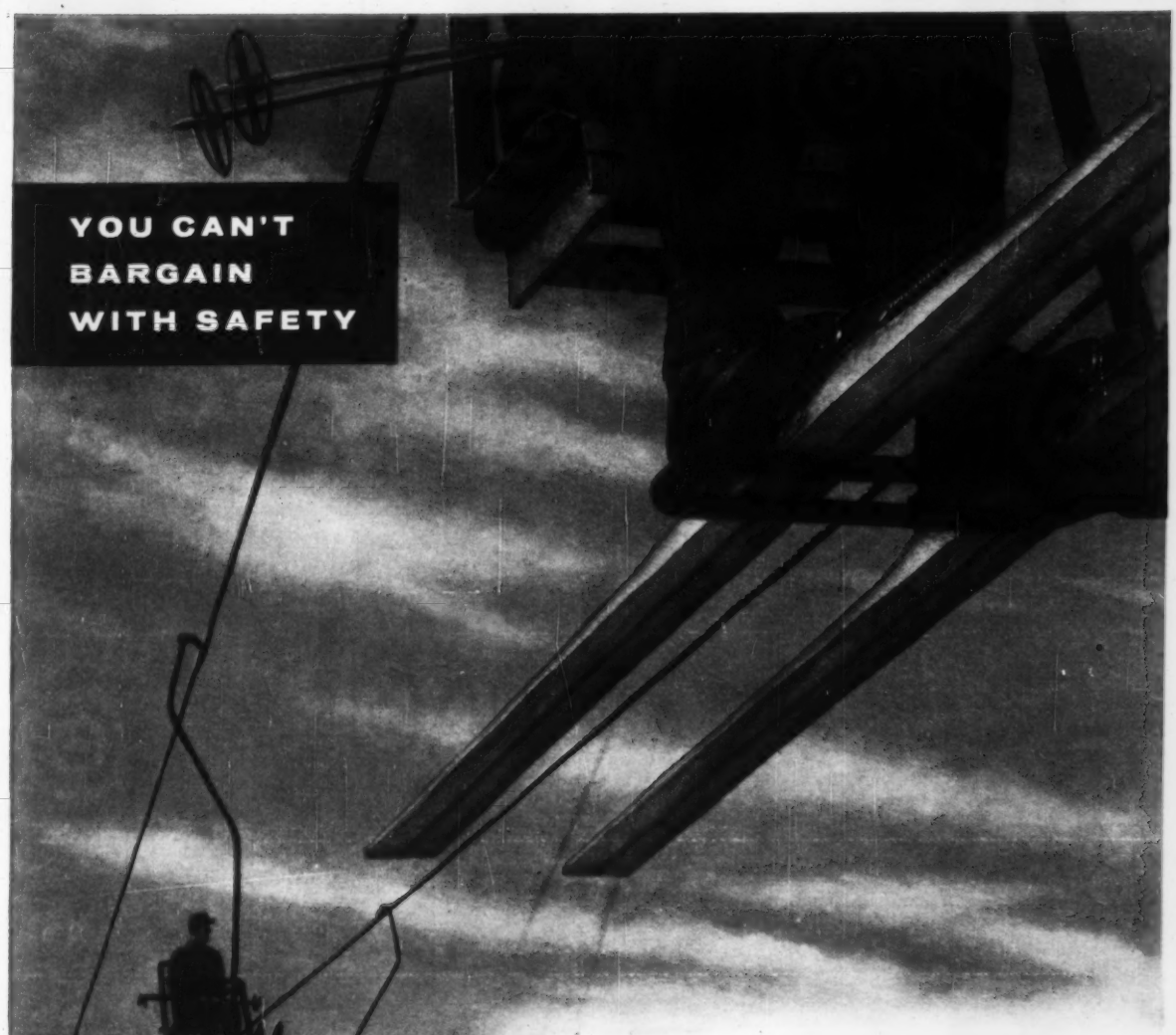
SEATTLE AREA

1926-29	84.5	92.2	89.2	101.7	95.1	82.4	100.8	92.2	100.5	105.9
1939	96.7	104.4	103.8	119.2	114.9	94.4	115.1	108.3	118.7	115.3
1946	152.9	158.3	157.9	161.2	159.8	154.3	156.0	158.9	164.2	167.1
1949	203.9	214.3	214.0	220.7	218.1	205.2	209.9	218.0	225.3	228.5
1956	254.0	273.5	273.7	288.5	280.6	251.5	279.1	285.3	299.0	303.4
1957	254.0	275.6	276.0	298.2	289.0	250.9	294.4	288.5	311.2	313.1
Feb. 1958	256.5	279.8	279.8	305.5	292.8	253.8	301.1	293.7	319.8	322.6

WASHINGTON, D. C.

1926-29	106.6	107.7	107.9	107.1	105.9	106.0	104.0	108.0	106.4	108.4
1946	168.5	166.2	167.1	157.1	158.2	173.6	145.2	162.6	157.2	153.6
1949	223.1	223.3	223.1	213.5	212.6	227.2	194.8	218.6	210.4	214.6
1956	272.5	274.4	274.1	274.0	272.1	280.4	272.4	267.5	282.6	279.5
1957	280.4	284.3	284.5	289.2	284.8	287.5	290.6	279.1	299.5	293.7
Feb. 1958	279.5	284.4	284.7	291.9	287.0	286.4	296.5	280.1	303.7	300.2

For description of how these indexes are calculated, see page 39



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• **U. S. Dept. of Commerce Composite Cost Index**—Weights special purpose and general construction cost and price indexes by estimated dollar volume of construction put in place.

On some types of work, two indexes are used, one special purpose for deflating, the other, available monthly, for interpolating for the months between the less frequent and timely values of special purpose indexes.

By classes of construction the indexes used are: residential, Boeckh; industrial building, Turner—Boeckh; warehouses, office and loft buildings, Fuller—Boeckh; other private and public buildings, American Appraisal; farm dwellings, Bu of Agriculture Economics—Boeckh; farm service buildings, BAE—Amer Appr; railroad, ICCRR—ENR Construction; telephone & telegraph, ICCT&T—ENRC; electric and gas utilities, Handy-Whitman—ENRC; petroleum pipeline, HW—ENRC & ICC—ENRC; all other private, aver ENRC & Assoc. General Contractors. Military and Naval, aver of Amer Appr, Bu of Public Roads—ENRC, Fuller—Boeckh, Turner—Boeckh; highway, BuPR—ENRC; sewer & water, aver AGC & ENRC; misc public service, aver HW—ENRC; conservation & development and all other, aver of AGC—ENRC.

Current dollar volume estimates for each type of construction are deflated by the appropriate indexes and the sum of all deflated segments is computed. This sum is divided into the estimated total of all types of construction in current dollars to compute the values of the Composite Construction Cost Index in the table above.

—Building Cost Index—

American Appraisal Co., Milwaukee, Wis., 1913 = 100

30-cities Average and 22 individual cities.

	'26	'32	'39	'42	'45	'49	'54	'56	'57	Dec. '57
U. S. Aver., for 30 cities	217	155	200	241	271	490	591	635	663	672
Boston	224	169	210	248	270	485	593	644	679	692
New York	234	170	219	248	272	503	626	666	706	711
Buffalo	219	157	205	247	279	506	619	661	705	714
Baltimore	224	166	198	248	277	510	595	638	664	673
Philadelphia	225	161	196	247	275	481	587	625	659	667
Pittsburgh	236	172	219	249	279	486	582	616	648	661
Cincinnati	217	157	209	242	272	477	571	609	648	658
Cleveland	233	160	206	245	268	485	592	640	675	682
Chicago	219	162	205	235	260	452	550	595	614	622
Indianapolis	219	157	206	247	276	501	606	641	669	690
Detroit	224	148	208	252	278	500	625	665	704	711
Milwaukee	218	144	209	254	280	493	615	676	701	707
Minneapolis	197	148	202	235	266	453	553	620	635	639
Kansas City	220	156	209	239	268	469	554	586	603	607
St. Louis	230	163	208	238	265	478	589	634	653	664
Atlanta	211	147	186	240	278	514	643	685	715	729
Dallas	204	146	171	209	246	455	533	563	591	601
New Orleans	217	145	194	234	277	501	604	637	674	684
Denver	204	149	195	226	245	441	522	565	575	582
Seattle	199	141	196	244	277	509	582	632	645	642
San Francisco	188	141	183	225	244	446	534	593	614	622
Los Angeles	195	141	167	213	249	475	556	621	631	642

—Composite Cost Index—

Bldg. Materials & Constr. Div., U. S. Dept. of Commerce, 1947-49 = 100

By years		By months	1949	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
'34	48	Yr	103	119	122	122	125	132	137
'35	47								
'36	48	J	106	117	121	121	122	128	134
'37	51	F	105	117	121	121	122	129	135
'38	52	M	105	117	121	121	123	129	135
'39	49	A	104	117	121	120	123	130	135
'40	50	M	103	118	121	121	124	131	136
'41	54	J	103	119	122	121	125	132	137
'42	61								
'43	65	J	102	120	123	122	125	133	138
		A	101	121	123	122	126	134	138
'44	64	S	101	121	123	122	126	134	138
'45	67								
'46	77	O	102	121	122	123	127	134	138
'47	93	N	102	121	122	122	127	134	138
'48	104	D	101	120	122	122	127	134	138

Industrial Equipment Costs Up 7.8% in '57

The cost of industrial equipment, installed was 7.8% higher in 1957 than in '56, according to the Marshall & Stevens index. This is much more of a rise than the 2.4% increase in the Marshall & Stevens building cost index o rthe 3.6% rise in ENR's 20-Cities Building Cost Index. However, the total cost rise since 1913 is less for industrial equipment than for building construction (see chart above).

The Marshall & Stevens equipment cost indexes show the trend from 1913 to date. The table below shows selected years; annual values for years 1913-47 appeared in the May 27, 1948 Cost Issue of ENR on page 121.

The indexes cover the composite of the entire plant, machinery of various kinds, mechanical installation, furniture and fixtures, hand tools and other items are combined in proper proportion to their average occurrence in each plant and computed for 47 industries. Eleven series are reproduced here, five of which are combinations of three or more Marshall & Stevens related series.

—Industrial Equipment Cost Indexes—

Marshall & Stevens, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois, 1926 = 100

Industry	1913	1929	1932	1939	1940	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	Dec 1956	1957	Dec 1957
Average of All	57.9	91.9	66.1	84.8	86.6	103.4	123.2	150.6	162.8	161.2	167.9	180.3	180.5	182.6	184.6	190.6	208.8	218.3	225.1	229.2
Commercial (av. of 12*)	58.8	91.8	67.6	86.8	89.8	105.2	120.9	146.9	158.6	152.7	159.8	171.8	170.6	174.0	183.3	179.8	195.9	203.8	207.8	212.1
Transportation—garage	69.0	91.5	69.2	83.6	84.9	100.9	123.9	157.0	171.1	170.3	179.7	194.6	195.1	197.3	199.0	205.5	227.6	238.9	248.6	251.3
Public utility (av. of 2*)	59.1	91.8	70.1	82.9	84.2	97.5	119.5	145.8	159.6	159.7	164.8	176.1	176.6	178.9	181.7	186.8	204.0	213.5	221.1	224.9
Process (av. of 9*)	59.1	90.5	73.2	83.6	84.4	103.8	123.0	149.1	161.9	161.1	166.6	178.1	178.5	180.2	183.4	188.7	206.4	216.0	223.6	227.7
Food (av. of 10*)	57.8	92.6	68.5	84.9	86.3	104.1	126.1	156.8	169.7	169.2	177.1	189.7	190.2	192.3	194.8	200.7	220.8	231.4	239.4	243.5
Metal working	57.1	92.3	67.9	83.6	86.6	110.7	131.2	151.3	161.8	161.8	166.9	178.0	178.6	180.7	184.1	189.3	206.8	216.3	224.4	228.6
Aircraft		93.0	66.7	85.0	88.1	109.8	127.0	162.9	178.3	177.5	186.1	201.0	201.7	204.1	205.8	213.4	236.7	248.4	257.8	262.4
Mach & parts, elec eq	59.2	92.0	68.0	83.4	85.4	106.8	130.3	156.6	167.4	167.7	175.0	188.6	189.2	191.1	194.6	200.2	218.7	228.8	237.5	241.6
Textile	61.1	91.1	67.8	83.7	84.7	101.8	122.1	146.6	157.4	157.3	165.9	192.1	193.3	199.9	199.8	206.6	228.9	239.4	247.8	252.1
Woodworking	56.6	92.0	67.2	83.6	84.6	100.9	123.0	149.6	160.4	160.4	165.5	176.6	177.1	178.9	182.3	187.5	204.7	214.2	221.8	225.5
General (av. of 7*)	59.2	95.5	68.8	84.6	86.1	103.2	122.0	149.7	162.0	161.8	168.2	180.4	180.8	182.5	185.0	190.7	209.4	219.2	226.5	229.8
Cold storage—refrig	59.3	92.0	70.0	82.1	83.1	101.7	125.7	163.2	176.6	175.8	185.2	200.1	200.7	203.1	204.8	211.6	234.3	245.9	254.2	258.9
Contractors' equipment	63.0	91.0	71.9	82.3	83.4	102.5	124.2	150.3	161.1	161.1	166.2	177.3	177.8	179.6	183.0	188.2	205.6	215.1	221.4	230.3

* In each of these groups, **MARSHALL AND STEVENS** reports separate comparative equipment cost trends for:
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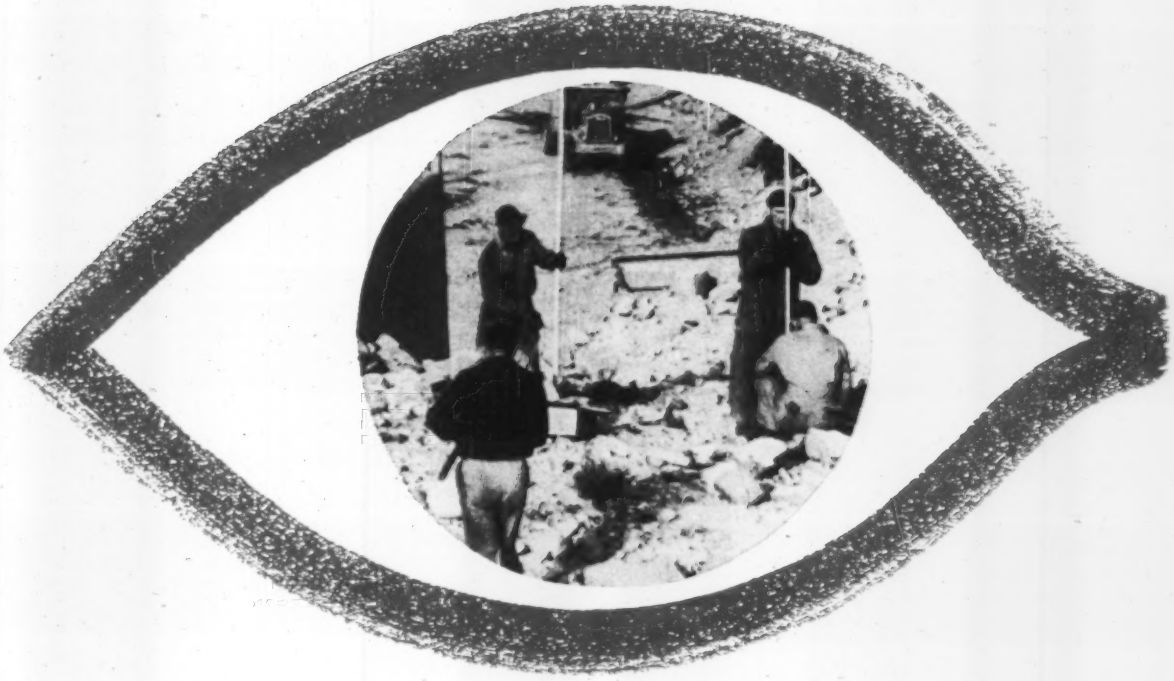
PUBLIC UTILITY: Steam power, electric power
PROCESS: Distillery, cement, chemical, glass, petroleum industry, paint, paper, rubber, clay products
FOOD: Bakery, bottling, brewery, candy, cannery-fish, cannery-fruit, creamery, dairy (flour cereal feed), packing-fruit, packing-meat



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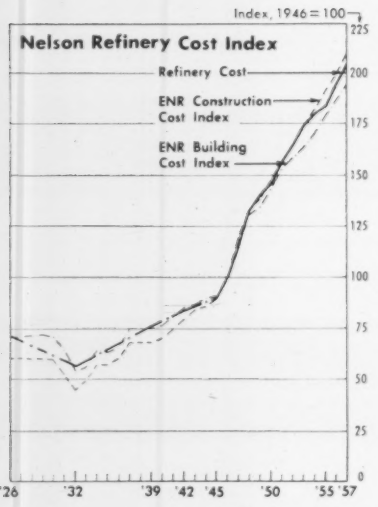
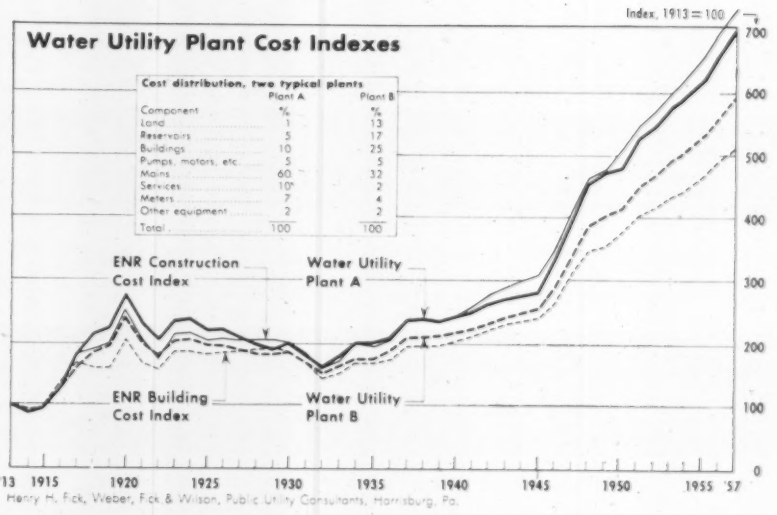




Henry H. Fick, Weber, Fick & Wilson, Public Utility Consultants, Harrisburg, Pa.

Petroleum Refinery Costs

The Nelson index applies to the costs of constructing petroleum refinery and natural gasoline plants since 1946 and projected back to 1926. It is published each month in the OIL AND GAS JOURNAL and is based on quotations from manufacturers of equipment used extensively in petroleum refineries and on proportions of steel, common building materials and labor that represent average refinery construction.

The materials component includes two Bureau of Labor Statistics wholesale price indexes—Iron and Steel and Building Materials—and a miscellaneous equipment average published monthly on the Refinery page of the OIL AND GAS JOURNAL.

The materials component (40% of the total index) is computed by converting each of the two BLS price indexes to a 1946 = 100 base. The Iron & Steel Index, on the new base, is then multiplied by 0.6. The BLS Building Materials Price Index, on the new base, is also multiplied by a factor of 0.2. And the miscellaneous equipment price average is multiplied by a factor of 0.2.

Then, all three elements are added to determine the materials component.

The labor component is half skilled and half common labor, taken from ENR. Each of these average wage rates for the current month are divided by their 1946 average to make two wage indexes based on 1946 = 100. Then, each of these indexes is multiplied by a factor of 0.5 and added to get the labor component.

Indexes Used to Develop Fick Waterworks Property Component Cost Indexes—1913=100

	1926	1932	1939	1940	1949	1955	Dec. 1955	1956	Dec. 1956	1957	Dec. 1957
Building											
Engineering News-Record Building Cost Index	185.0	140.9	197.4	202.8	351.8	468.8	478.7	490.8	500.2	508.7	516.3
E. H. Boeckh & Assoc brick & concr comm & factory bldg, Pittsburgh, Pa. area	210.3	161.7	223.9	224.2	413.2	523.3	535.9	548.7	562.4	576.7	586.5
ICC Railroad constr index, station & off buildings, Region 111 (1910-14=100)	185.0	142.0	168.0	177.0	369.0	466.0	.....	486.0	.....	.....	...
Handy-Whitman brick buildings index, North Atlantic Division	229.0	175.3	214.0	218.3	423.8	536.0	569.0	578.0	599.0	613.3	622.0
Materials											
6-in & larger cast iron pipe, Delaware River Foundries	220.9	139.3	212.9	223.1	415.2	524.6	537.8	564.2	582.0	594.7	612.9
3-in & under steel pipe, private sources	187.5	171.9	155.4	155.4	249.7	349.2	360.2	372.3	389.8	409.1	420.7
Motors, based on Handy-Whitman Index, North Atlantic Division	134.2	134.0	147.8	147.0	232.0	320.3	338.0	371.0	406.0	419.5	426.0
Contractors' equipment, based on Marshall & Stevens Index	158.7	111.1	130.8	132.4	255.7	298.7	309.0	326.3	341.4	356.2	365.6
Office equip, based on Marshall & Stevens index	136.8	101.1	123.5	127.2	220.9	262.0	267.4	282.6	292.6	299.7	307.8
Meters, private sources	162.5	162.5	147.7	147.7	265.9	351.7	356.2	385.8	395.9	395.9	395.9
Common Labor, based on Engineering News-Record labor index, 20-cities average	288.4	224.7	359.5	367.9	763.2	1,084.7	1,103.7	1,136.8	1,152.6	1,201.6	1,233.7
Construction, based on Engineering News-Record Construction Cost Index	208.0	157.0	235.5	242.0	477.0	659.7	673.1	692.4	703.8	723.9	738.1
Gas utility costs, based on Handy-Whitman index, North Atlantic Division	212.0	174.5	229.6	235.2	432.9	569.0	600.0	621.9	643.5	662.7	679

† Replaces Index based on Iron Age Index

Petroleum Refinery Cost Index

Compiled by W. L. Nelson, Petroleum Refinery Engineering Consultant, published by Oil & Gas Journal, Tulsa, Oklahoma—1946 = 100

	1926	1932	1939	1942	1945	1949	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	Jan. 1957	1957	Jan. 1958
NELSON Refinery Construction Index	*72.0	*56.6	*76.6	*83.7	*89.9	139.7	163.6	173.5	179.8	184.2	195.3	201.5	205.9	210.6p
EQUIPMENT														
Heat exchangers	75.0	60.0	76.0	93.5	91.9	133.0	165.8	174.9	171.7	156.8	190.7	197.8	203.6	193.5
Instruments (control)	.....	90.0	89.5	85.5	90.6	122.0	146.2	151.8	154.6	162.9	182.1	186.2	187.4	193.2
Pumps, compressors	.....	.....	91.5	87.5	93.9	135.9	155.6	162.5	166.5	172.2	164.0	202.6	206.7	212.9p
Electrical equipment	81.0	57.0	68.5	74.0	81.8	130.9	152.4	156.4	160.0	162.5	175.0	185.0	188.9	191.6p
Internal Combustion engines	.....	.....	84.5	84.5	91.7	124.8	146.5	148.1	150.5	153.2	192.0	171.7	173.9	178.8p
Miscellaneous equipment average	*94.0	*79.0	*82.0	*85.0	*90.0	†121.6	153.3	158.8	160.7	161.5	180.5	188.7	192.1	194.0p
MATERIALS	.....	68.0	82.0	86.3	89.7	143.6	164.3	172.4	174.6	176.1	190.4	199.0	201.9	203.2p
LABOR	.....	49.0	73.0	82.0	90.0	137.1	163.1	174.2	183.3	189.6	198.2	203.1	206.8	215.5

* Approximate, projection back to these dates from other cost sources. p Preliminary
† Used to compute Index until Apr 1952. Slightly different from the average of the miscellaneous equipment items shown

*Equipment prices, mainly from manufacturers as quoted to Oil & Gas Journal *Materials Components from Bureau of Labor Statistics Wholesale Price Index, Code 10-1 Iron and Steel and Code 13, Building Materials *Labor, half skilled and half common labor as quoted by Engineering News-Record. For base costs see ENR Oct. 8, 1953, p 115

Water Plant Cost Indexes

To tailor a special cost index to the peculiar characteristics of any individual waterworks property, Henry H. Fick has come up with seven component indexes, one for each major class of water works plant investment. These can then be weighted and computed to fit the make-up of a specific property.

The way this works is illustrated by the two water utility plant cost indexes, A and B, as shown in the chart on the opposite page. These two plants differ in the ratio of mains to buildings or of services to reservoirs (see table inside the chart).

The seven component cost indexes are designed to show historic cost trends in each of these plant components.

—Waterworks Property— Cost Index Components

Henry H. Fick, Weber, Fick & Wilson, Public Utility Consultants, Harrisburg, Pa.—1913 = 100

Year	Reservoirs	Buildings	Pumps and Motors	Distribution System	Services*	Meters	Other Equipment
1946	346.0	298.7	173.8	360.2	329.9	222.5	185.1
1947	413.2	341.0	210.0	430.5	385.2	235.6	225.3
1948	460.7	394.9	218.8	505.9	439.5	288.9	242.2
1949	477.0	413.2	232.0	519.5	470.5	315.6	237.0
1950	509.6	421.4	251.2	533.3	496.4	336.4	246.3
1951	542.7	448.1	297.0	589.9	528.3	364.5	249.0
1952	569.4	467.1	296.5	613.9	560.1	370.8	248.8
1953	600.0	495.3	308.5	651.6	604.3	384.8	265.7
Dec '53	611.3	507.9	317.0	665.2	620.3	401.0	270.3
1954	628.0	510.2	317.0	673.1	635.1	403.6	270.4
Dec '54	642.7	514.1	317.0	679.5	647.8	405.7	269.7
1955	659.7	523.3	320.3	692.6	665.4	425.0	279.3
Dec '55	673.1	535.9	338.0	707.6	679.9	431.0	287.1
1956	692.4	548.7	371.0	735.9	701.0	460.9	303.1
Dec '56	703.8	562.4	406.0	753.2	717.8	471.6	315.4
1957	723.9	576.7	419.5	776.8	750.1	476.5	326.2
Dec '57	738.1	586.5	426.0	799.2	770.3	479.7	334.9

These component indexes are based on the 13 recognized cost indexes shown in the table (opposite page) for selected years.

The two sample water utility cost indexes shown, A and B, illustrate the effects of historical price changes upon two systems with identical kinds but dissimilar amounts of property.

The basic components of the two systems reflect the approximate dispersion of various classifications of property of two existing Pennsylvania utilities. For simplicity, however, it has been assumed that: 1, all structures are made of brick and concrete; 2, the transmission and distribution systems are composed of cast-iron mains; 3, services are constructed of wrought-iron pipe; and 4, equipment includes motors, pumps, office, and contractors' items.

. . . And Handy-Whitman Index of Public Utility Costs

Whitman, Requardt and Associates, Baltimore, Md.

Individual series for 103 cost elements in three classes of utility construction, for six geographic divisions of the United States, are reported semi-annually. Weighting is based on wide experience in cost analysis of plants and construction. Material prices are from ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD, IRON AGE and various manufacturers; labor rates from BLS, unions and builders associations.

—Building Construction— (1911-14 = 100)

Complete Index reports 14 items entering into Building Construction Costs.
A relates to Reinforced Concrete Bldg.; B relates to Brick Bldg.

	Jan. '26	July '26	Jan. '32	July '32	Jan. '39	July '39	Jan. '42	July '42	July '45	Jan. '49	July '49	July '50	July '51	July '52	July '53	July '54	Jan. '55	July '55	Jan. '56	July '56	Jan. '57	July '57	Jan. '58
North Atlantic Division																							
A	213	213	171	159	205	207	250	253	260	436	433	448	479	485	519	534	540	547	608	609	656	676	679
B	228	229	189	173	211	214	246	250	265	429	421	436	474	479	503	523	525	527	569	572	599	616	622
South Atlantic Division																							
A	213	215	171	164	204	205	260	267	275	462	453	469	510	517	536	569	578	587	642	649	695	712	717
B	226	228	185	176	209	211	255	262	277	431	431	439	485	488	516	536	543	551	589	598	625	639	645
North Central Division																							
A	203	201	169	154	200	200	237	242	253	421	418	437	468	481	520	526	533	542	595	603	642	663	664
B	212	211	181	164	203	203	229	234	250	389	390	408	440	453	483	497	503	513	545	554	579	597	600
South Central Division																							
A	192	191	149	144	188	187	232	236	243	411	412	422	454	460	494	504	508	515	566	573	617	630	631
B	203	204	160	154	191	191	223	227	238	382	382	392	424	438	460	474	478	486	520	535	567	578	581
Plateau Division																							
A	198	197	153	149	194	194	230	235	239	402	397	417	451	456	489	495	499	506	556	563	610	625	627
B	211	210	167	163	199	200	221	227	233	396	393	410	442	447	464	481	485	492	520	532	558	573	574
Pacific Division																							
A	191	190	157	148	192	192	238	241	248	416	415	432	463	468	501	518	524	529	588	588	624	644	644
B	198	197	164	156	193	193	226	231	242	386	385	400	435	443	466	479	488	498	536	539	561	578	581

—Gas Plant Construction— (1911 = 100)

Complete Index reports 25 items entering into Gas Plant Construction Costs.
A relates to Total Constr. & Equip.; B relates to Mech. Equip. Exclusive of Gas Holders.

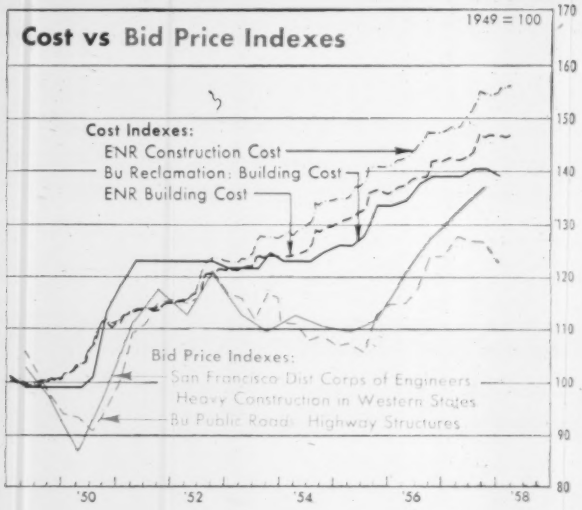
	Jan. '26	July '26	Jan. '32	July '32	Jan. '39	July '39	Jan. '42	July '42	July '45	Jan. '49	July '49	July '50	July '51	July '52	July '53	July '54	Jan. '55	July '55	Jan. '56	July '56	Jan. '57	July '57	Jan. '58
North Atlantic Division																							
A	230	230	202	188	241	249	272	275	288	469	464	476	519	536	561	589	600	605	648	672	695	717	734
B	212	212	209	195	274	278	297	299	301	447	481	485	549	554	590	609	615	615	672	715	772	799	816
South Atlantic Division																							
A	219	222	178	175	227	230	261	268	282	464	453	457	507	520	543	568	581	591	623	651	678	693	714
B	212	212	209	195	274	278	297	299	301	481	482	485	549	554	590	609	615	615	672	715	772	799	816
North Central Division																							
A	217	218	198	178	232	232	249	254	269	435	434	447	489	503	531	554	563	572	602	630	648	672	684
B	212	212	209	195	274	278	297	299	301	447	481	485	549	554	590	609	615	615	672	715	772	799	816
South Central Division																							
A	199	200	171	160	216	217	244	249	261	420	419	429	470	475	496	522	532	538	566	595	614	632	648
B	212	212	209	195	274	278	297	299	301	447	487	485	549	554	590	609	615	615	672	715	772	799	816
Plateau Division																							
A	202	202	176	166	216	217	232	237	243	403	398	405	449	460	476	501	511	517	545	575	595	612	623
B	212	212	209	195	274	278	297	299	301	447	481	485	549	554	590	609	615	615	672	715	772	799	816
Pacific Division																							
A	205	206	187	177	227	228	253	257	266	433	428	437	480	494	516	544	555	561	599	620	638	661	673
B	212	212	209	195	274	278	297	299	301	447	481	485	549	554	590	609	615	615	672	715	772	799	816

—Electric Light and Power Construction— (1911 = 100)

Complete Index reports 64 items entering into Electric Light and Power Construction Costs.
A relates to Total Constr. & Equip. All steam; B to Accessory Electric Equipment; C to Sub-Sta. Equip.

	Jan. '26	July '26	Jan. '32	July '32	Jan. '39	July '39	Jan. '42	July '42	July '45	Jan. '49	July '49	July '50	July '51	July '52	July '53	July '54	Jan. '55	July '55	Jan. '56	July '56	Jan. '57	July '57	July '58
North Atlantic Division																							
A	197	194	182	176	224	225	248	248	259	401	400	409	468	480	506	517	519	524	555	577	599	610	620
B	197	196	192	186	225	224	241	239	237	340	341	360	420	430	457	460	461	468	463	490	520	519	536
C	184	178	172	168	203	203	217	216	218	306	312	320	359	366	392	396	396	400	417	444	457	464	477
South Atlantic Division																							
A	201	201	188	180	232	233	262	267	273	430	422	430	490	504	536	547	551	559	589	616	641	651	662
B	200	203	200	191	239	240	260	262	248	357	356	374	431	442	474	482	485	494	484	512	542	546	562
C	187	183	180	173	217	218	235	237	228	322	325	333	370	377	409	417	419	425	439	466	479	491	502
North Central Division																							
A	190	187	186	174	219	218	235	238	243	375	374	382	443	456	489	495	498	504	533	555	575	587	595
B	189	188	199	186	224	223	229	231	218	309	307	324	382	391	419	424	425	432	429	451	477	478	492
C	178	171	181	169	203	202	207	209	200	278	280	286	326	333	359	364	365	369	388	409	419	427	438
South Central Division																							
A	184	183	179	171	218	218	245	246	251	391	390	398	454	465	496	506	508	515	541	567	591	601	611
B	187	189	200	190	231	230	250	248	235	341	340	357	415	423	453	460	462	470	461	488	517	517	533
C	175	171	181	173	210	209	226	226	217	310	311	319	352	356	385	392	394	398	412	438	450	457	470
Plateau Division																							
A	190	188	177	171	218	219	234	236	241	378	378	386	443	454	482	493	495	500	527	553	578	594	601
B	197	196	194	188	231	232	237	236	225	322	323	341	399	408	437	440	441	446	435	457	482	494	508
C	185	177	175	171	209	211	213	212	207	289	294	302	341	347	374	378	378	381	392	413	422	442	451
Pacific Division																							
A	180	178	172	163	216	215	235	242	244	383	380	389	450	459	486	495	499	503	535	557	578	590	600
B	178	177	182	170	222	222	231	240	225	328	323	343	408	413	437	438	440	447	446	471	496	495	517
C	167	161	164	155	203	202	210	219	208	298	297	307	357	359	382	384	385	390	411	435	444	451	469

Heavy Construction Cost & Price Indexes



—Composite Mile Price Index—

U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, 1925-29=100

Year	Excavation[1] 17,491 cy* Bid price	Excavation[1] 17,491 cy* Sub-index	Surfacing[2] 3,726 sy* Bid price	Surfacing[2] 3,726 sy* Sub-index	Structures Reinf. steel 16,000* lb. Bid price	Structures Struct. steel 4,325* lb. Bid price	Structures Struct. concr. 68* cy Bid price	Structures Comb. Sub-index	Composite mile index
'25-'29=100	$0.35†	100.0	$2.22†	100.0	$0.052†	$0.067†	$22.15†	100.0	100.0
1956	38	108.2	3.89	175.5	131	202	54.33	253.8	183.3
Q1	37	104.8	3.76	169.5	124	192	52.42	243.1	157.5
Q2	38	108.3	3.82	172.2	128	197	53.55	249.5	161.1
Q3	39	109.7	4.00	180.3	134	205	55.81	260.5	167.2
Q4	39	110.0	3.99	179.9	136	215	55.53	262.2	167.4
1957:	40	113.5	4.02	181.2	137	218	56.92	267.0	170.0
Q1	39	111.7	4.01	180.8	141	215	57.46	270.6	169.7
Q2	40	113.4	4.00	180.3	137	221	57.35	268.7	169.8
Q3	40	112.5	4.02	181.3	135	225	57.48	268.3	169.9
Q4	41	116.5	4.04	182.2	135	210	55.40	260.4	170.6

*: Common excav. plus other excav. * Items expressed as equivalent common excav.
*: Portland-cmt. concr. plus other surfacing expressed as equivalent portland-cmt. concr.
** Fixed quantities used for establishing price trend. *† Prices used for base year index.

Irrigation and Hydro Cost Indexes

USBR, Office of Assistant Commissioner, Chief Engineer, Denver, Colo. 1949-51=1.0

Class of Construction	1956 Jan.	1956 Oct.	1957 Jan.	1957 Apr.	1957 July	1957 Oct.	1958 Jan.
Composite index	1.15	1.24	1.24	1.27	1.29	1.30	1.30
Dams, earth	1.07	1.17	1.15	1.19	1.22	1.22	1.23
Dams, concrete	1.04	1.12	1.11	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.16
Pumping plants, bldg & equip	1.31	1.43	1.43	1.45	1.46	1.46	1.46
struct, reinf conc, & improv	1.24	1.31	1.31	1.32	1.34	1.35	1.36
equipment	1.38	1.56	1.56	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58
pumps & prime equip	1.44	1.64	1.64	1.66	1.66	1.66	1.66
access elec & misc equip	1.25	1.41	1.41	1.43	1.44	1.44	1.44
discharge pipes	1.47	1.66	1.66	1.68	1.72	1.72	1.72
Canals	1.06	1.18	1.18	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.19
Conduits, tunnels, free flow, conc lined	1.17	1.24	1.24	1.26	1.29	1.30	1.30
Laterals and drains	1.18	1.26	1.26	1.31	1.32	1.35	1.32
Primary roads	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.23	1.25	1.25	1.24
Secondary roads, unsurf	1.04	1.11	1.13	1.18	1.21	1.20	1.19
Bridges, steel	1.36	1.47	1.47	1.48	1.52	1.52	1.52
Power plants, hydro, bldg & equip	1.31	1.44	1.44	1.46	1.47	1.47	1.48
structs, reinf conc, improv	1.24	1.30	1.30	1.31	1.33	4.34	1.36
equipment	1.36	1.53	1.53	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.54
turbines & generators	1.39	1.57	1.57	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58
access elec equip	1.29	1.44	1.44	1.46	1.48	1.48	1.48
misc equip	1.29	1.43	1.43	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.40
penstocks	1.47	1.66	1.66	1.68	1.72	1.72	1.72
Transm switchyards & substa	1.41	1.59	1.59	1.60	1.60	1.61	1.60
Transm lines, wood pole 115 kv	1.06	1.11	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.13	1.16
Transm lines, steel tower 230 kv	1.28	1.39	1.37	1.39	1.43	1.43	1.43
Permanent genl property, bldgs	1.25	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.31	1.31	1.30

Based on combined costs of material and labor furnished by the contractor, and material and labor furnished by the government on B of R projects in 17 western states and Alaska

Western States Unit Price Index

Estimates Section, San Francisco District, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army

		1948 1st half	1949 1st half	1955 2nd half	1956 1st half	1956 2nd half	1957 1st half	1957 2nd half
Index. 1st Half '46=100		100.0	132.2	145.36	154.74	164.12	170.37	176.94
Items used in index	Unit	Based on these average unit prices						
Cr rock base course	ton	2.81	2.29	2.90	3.48	3.56	3.41	3.49
Plant mix aggregate	ton	4.82	4.43	6.04	6.19	7.25	6.92	6.26
Plant mix asphalt	ton	22.00	26.85	19.63	21.74	22.18	21.50	24.00
Cover aggregate	ton	5.09	5.65	6.71	6.60	7.34	7.13	3.33
Structural concrete	cy	50.65	65.07	74.00	72.00	78.00	82.00	82.00
Pavement concrete	cy	13.20	19.69	23.00	24.00	20.00	23.00	26.00
Reinforcing steel	cwt	9.60	12.70	13.00	13.00	16.50	17.00	18.00
Cement	bbl	2.84	4.98	4.76	5.04	5.21	5.11	5.12
CM pipe 12"	lf	2.20	3.03	3.72	3.98	4.13	4.48	4.57
CM pipe 24"	lf	4.05	5.26	6.66	6.60	7.29	8.04	7.60
RC pipe 18"	lf	3.50	4.27	5.37	5.91	6.25	6.24	6.46
RC pipe 36"	lf	8.29	10.47	11.23	11.86	13.08	13.75	13.13
VC pipe 6"	lf	1.87	2.39	3.38	3.50	3.55	3.70	3.37
VC pipe 8"	lf	2.22	2.80	3.71	3.99	4.36	3.67	3.99
Sewer manhole	1/10 ea	16.50	20.80	23.00	24.90	25.40	28.20	27.70
Roadway excavation	cy	0.67	0.96	0.95	0.92	1.12	1.05	1.04
Structural excavation	cy	2.49	4.27	3.48	3.63	4.42	5.42	3.66
Watering	M gal	2.13	2.13	1.69	1.76	1.94	1.92	2.00
Flat wheel roller	R-hr	5.47	7.82	7.74	8.15	9.03	10.06	11.72
Piling, gr wood, fur	lf	0.64	0.65	1.20	1.35	1.18	0.895	0.84
Piling, treated, fur	lf	1.25	1.45	1.75	2.00	1.83	2.75	4.13
Timber in place	100 fbm	16.60	26.33	36.70	45.20	49.60	50.50	58.10
2" Galv steel pipe	lf	1.04	1.38	1.74	1.60	1.68	1.62	2.23
Cast-iron pipe 6"	lf	2.86	4.17	3.94	4.54	4.70	5.42	5.32
Cast-iron pipe 8"	lf	3.80	6.47	4.79	5.23	5.83	6.07	6.79
Gate valve 8"	1/10 ea	7.06	9.70	10.40	12.50	12.40	10.08	11.80
Total in dollars		193.65	256.01	281.49	299.67	317.83	329.93	342.6[5]

Competition Stabilizes Bid Prices

Contractors bid prices on heavy construction indicate rugged competition is forcing them to bid closer on new federal-aid highway jobs and other types of heavy construction.

• **Highway bid prices stable**—The Bureau of Public Roads Composite Mile Bid Price Index for the fourth quarter of '57 was only 0.5% above the first quarter. Moderate increases in common excavation unit prices and concrete surfacing account for the slight rise.

By contrast, the sub-index for structures—which weights prices in place for reinforcing steel, structural steel and structural concrete-turned down in the second quarter of '57. And it dropped sharply in the fourth quarter (see chart at top of page) due to declines of 6.7% in structural steel and 3.4% in structural concrete. The break carried structural steel prices more than 2% below the fourth quarter of '56—the first year-to-year decline in two years. Reinforcing bars were also below a year ago (table at top of page).

• **Reclamation index steadies** – The Bureau of Reclamation Composite Cost Index stopped rising in January '58—the first time since April 1955 that the index failed to increase.

Bureau of Reclamation's sub-index for building costs dipped in January '58, the first decline since 1953 (see chart above).

• **Western states index up**—The semi-annual contract unit price index computed by the San Francisco District, Corps of Engineers was still climbing at last report. But the percentage rate of increase slowed in '57. Whereas it rose more than 6% in each half of '56, it increased .8% and 3.9%, respectively, in the two six month periods of '57.

However, it's possible that because this index covers a span of six months, a decline or steadying in bid prices late in '57 is obsured by high bid prices in the third quarter.

For more history of these heavy construction cost and bid price indexes, see ENR October 17, 1957.

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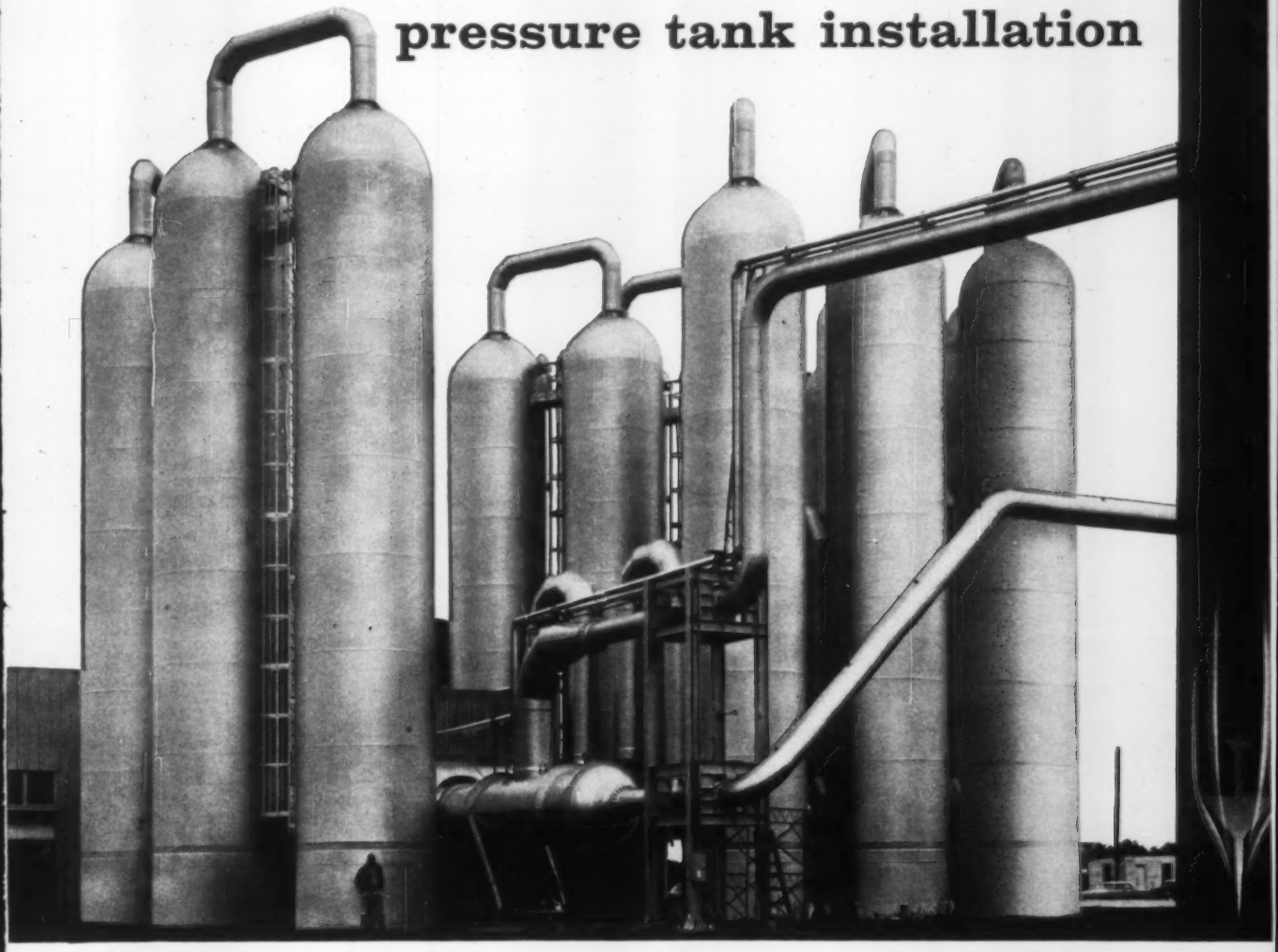

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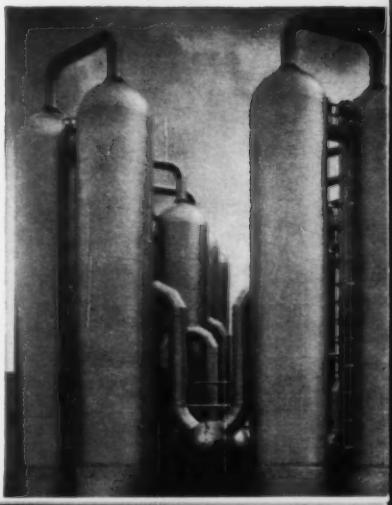

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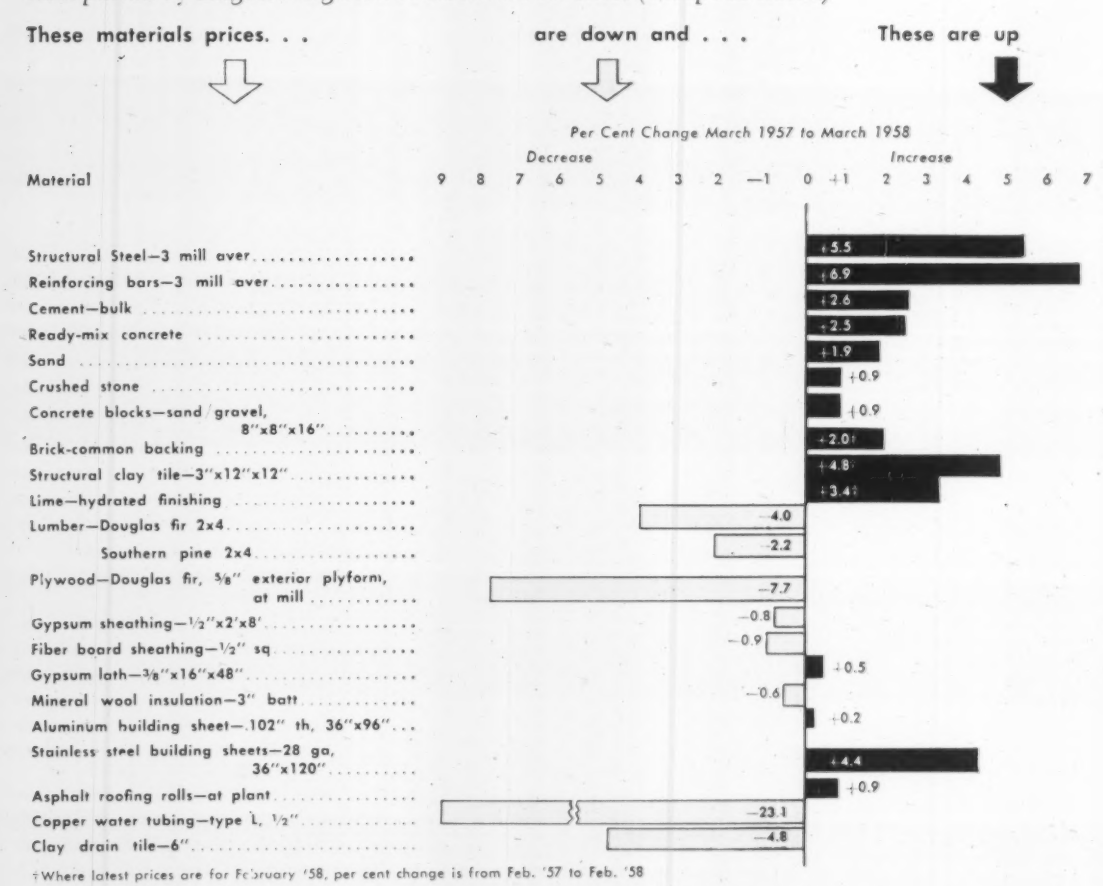
Materials Prices — **Price Trends 1957-58**

As reported by Engineering News-Record for 20 cities (except as noted)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Per Cent Change March 1957 to March 1958
Decrease
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Material
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Structural Steel—3 mill aver. +5.5
Reinforcing bars—3 mill aver. +6.9
Cement—bulk +2.6
Ready-mix concrete +2.5
Sand +1.9
Crushed stone +0.9
Concrete blocks—sand/gravel, 8"x8"x16" +0.9
Brick-common backing +2.0†
Structural clay tile—3"x12"x12" +4.8†
Lime—hydrated finishing +3.4†
Lumber—Douglas fir 2x4 —4.0
Southern pine 2x4 —2.2
Plywood—Douglas fir, 3/8" exterior plyform, at mill —7.7
Gypsum sheathing—1/2"x2'x8' —0.8
Fiber board sheathing—1/2" sq —0.9
Gypsum lath—3/8"x16"x48" +0.5
Mineral wool insulation—3" batt —0.6
Aluminum building sheet—.102" th, 36"x96" +0.2
Stainless steel building sheets—28 ga, 36"x120" +4.4
Asphalt roofing rolls—at plant +0.9
Copper water tubing—type L, 1/2" —23.1
Clay drain tile—6" —4.8

†Where latest prices are for February '58, per cent change is from Feb. '57 to Feb. '58

Most Materials Prices Up, but Some Drop

Prices of most key building materials are trending upward despite slack demand caused by the decline in heavy construction contract awards.

However, several materials prices fell during the past 12 months (see chart above). And more price declines are probable in the months ahead.

• Slower rate of increase—Many of the building materials which rose in price during the past 12 months moved up less than the previous year.

Structural steel, for example, rose 5.5% (July '57) at the mill compared with an 8.7% rise the year before. Reinforcing bars moved up 6.9% last July compared with a 9.1% increase the previous year. But that's only a part of the steel price trend picture.

A drop in the demand for structurals and "re-bars" has ended the shortages of these items and deliveries are now the best in years. No longer do contractors have to pay premiums for scarce steel nor do they have to put up with long delivery lags which cost them money. Structural steel fabricators have cut prices sharply because new bookings are down and many no longer have the big order backlogs they had a year ago.

Cement and aggregate prices are among those materials which are rising but with a lot less momentum. The average price of portland cement, in bulk, this month is 2.6% above a year ago, as measured by ENR's 20 cities average. The rise during the previous 12 month period was 5.1%.

Crushed stone, sand, concrete blocks, brick, lime, aluminum and stainless steel building sheets are also moving up.

Structural clay building tile stands out as one material that has climbed at an accelerated pace in the past year, up 4.8% against 2.7% the year before.

• Many turn down—Lumber prices continued to decline, but there are signs that this softening may be ending.

The most spectacular drop in major materials in the last year is the 23.1% fall in copper tubing prices, measured by ENR's 20-cities average.

In the first three months of '58 Douglas fir plywood mills cut prices four times in as many weeks. Mill prices are now 7% to 8% below last year's prices.

Drain tile is also selling below a year ago, and scattered reductions have pulled the ENR averages down a bit for gypsum sheathing, 0.8%, and fiber board sheathing, 0.9%.

ENR's monthly materials price report for lumber, plywood, glass and explosives in 22 cities is on the opposite page. Four other price reports pages are reported each month by ENR. See the listing at the top of the next page for the ENR issues which carried the other four reports and those in which the next reports will appear.

Materials and Labor Prices

Monthly Market Quotations by ENR Field Reporters

See following ENR issues for OTHER PRICES:

- Clay Products, Lime, Plaster, Paint, Roofing: Last, Feb. 27; Next, Mar. 27
- Wage Rates, Building Board, Lath, Insulation: Last, Feb. 27; Next, Apr. 3.
- Cement Aggregates, Ready-mixed Concrete Asphalt: Last, Mar. 6; Next, Apr. 10.
- Iron & Steel Products, Pine: Last, Mar. 13; Next, Apr. 17.

LUMBER, TIMBER, PLYWOOD—PER M FT., B.M., CARLOAD LOTS F. O. B.

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All Southern Pine is No. 2 common or better and for No. 1 N. C. Box. (Prices in Bold Face)
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	1x6 s4s	1x8 s4s	2x4 s4s	2x6 s4s	2x8 s4s	2x10 s4s	3x12 Rgh	6x12 Rgh	12x12 Rgh	LONG LEAF Y. P. Merchantable grade up to 20 ft. 2x12 Rgh	LONG LEAF Y. P. Merchantable grade up to 20 ft. 12x12 Rgh	PLYWOOD Rail freight increment (See note for base price) ⅜"	PLYWOOD Rail freight increment (See note for base price) ½"
Atlanta †	**$73.00**	**$76.00**	**$76.00**	**$79.00**	**$81.00**	**$86.00**	**$136.00**	.....	.....	$121.00	$156.00	$22.32	$27.24
Baltimore *	**95.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**105.00**	**114.00**	.....	.....	170.00	185.00	25.92	31.60
	100.00g	*105.00g*	*125.00g*	*125.00g*	*125.00g*	*125.00g*	*155.00g*	*$150.00*	*$144.00*				
Birmingham ...†	**80.00**	**82.00**	**75.00**	**82.00**	**85.00**	**90.00**	**105.00**	.....	.....	115.00	160.00	21.78	26.58
	70.50	*70.50*	*67.00*	*70.00*	*70.00*	*85.00*	*75.50*	*70.50*	*70.50*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boston ..... ‡	**90.00**f	**90.00**f	**96.00**f	**96.00**f	**96.00**f	**104.00**a	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.92	31.60
	90.00k	*90.00k*	*106.00*	*106.00*	*106.00*	*109.00*	*180.00*	*180.00*	*185.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago ..... **	**92.00**	**95.00**	**89.00**	**103.00**	**111.00**	**112.00**	**107.00**	.....	.....	135.00	135.00	22.45	27.37
	99.00	*99.00*	*113.00*	*110.00*	*110.00*	*111.00*	*119.00*	*119.00*	*119.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cincinnati ..... *	**93.00**	**94.25**	**86.50**	**90.50**	**95.00**	**102.75**	**116.00**	.....	.....	129.50	127.50	25.00	30.48
	90.25	*91.25*	*95.50*	*97.50*	*98.25*	*109.00*	*121.00*	*121.00*	*121.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland ..... **	**90.00**	**93.00**	**90.00**	**97.00**	**97.00**	**101.00**	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.37	30.93
	.....	.....	*96.00*	*96.50*	*96.50*	*98.50*	*115.00*	*115.00*	*115.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dallas ..... k‡	**70.00**	**70.00**	**65.00**	**65.00**	**65.00**	**70.00**	**140.00**	.....	.....	136.00	130.00	18.72	22.80
Denver ..... *	*Not in stock*		*122.50*	*122.50*	*122.50*	*127.00*	*156.00*	*148.50*	*153.50*	.....	.....	13.92	16.98
Detroit ..... ‡	**116.50**	**119.00**	**115.00**	**117.00**	**122.00**	**122.00**	.....	.....	.....	130.00	.....	25.00	30.48
	195.00	*195.00*	*127.00*	*129.50*	*130.00*	*136.00*	*185.00*	*196.00*	*196.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas City ...1	**120.00**	**120.00**	**120.00**	**120.00**	**125.00**	**135.00**	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.56	20.16
	180.00	*180.00*	*180.00*	*180.00*	*185.00*	*125.00*	*150.00*	*225.00*	*225.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Los Angeles ...1	*90.00*	*90.00*	*90.00*	*90.00*	*90.00*	*90.00*	*119.00*	*150.00*	*150.00*	.....	.....	16.61ab	*20.25ab*
Minneapolis ...#	*135.00m*	*135.00m*	*140.00*	*140.00*	*140.00*	*140.00*	*185.00*	*185.00*	*185.00*	.....	.....	19.89	24.25
Montreal ..... ah	**90.00**	**98.00**	**90.00**	**91.00**	**108.00**	**125.00**	.....	.....	.....	122.00	122.00	.....	.....
	195.00	*165.00*	*165.00*	*165.00*	*165.00*	*165.00*	*170.00*	*170.00*	*170.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans ...†	**87.00**	**87.00**	**94.50**	**91.00**	**90.00**	**97.00**	**121.50**	.....	.....	151.00	151.00	18.72	22.80
†	*105.00*	*105.00*	*99.50*	*115.00*	*115.00*	*115.00*	*127.50*	*127.50*	*147.50*	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York 1	**106.00**	**107.00**	**112.00**	**114.00**	**114.00**	**120.00**	.....	.....	.....	240.00	250.00	25.92	31.60
	.....	.....	*117.00*	*118.00*	*118.00*	*119.00*	*162.00*	*162.00*	*162.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia ...‡	.....	Range from 100/120				**105/125**	**105/125**	.....	.....	214/224	214/224	28.00	32.00
		Range from 110/140				*115/145*	*125/180*	*158.00*	*158.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pittsburgh 2	**120.00**	**120.00**	**125.00**	**120.00**	**125.00**	**130.00**	**145.00**	.....	.....	145.00	185.00	25.92	31.60
	150.00	*150.00*	*140.00*	*140.00*	*140.00*	*140.00*	*185.00*	*185.00*	*185.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis ..... #	**113.00**	**115.00**	**123.00**d	**123.00**d	**123.00**e	**128.00**e	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.72	22.80
	.....	.....	*151.00*	*151.00e*	*151.00e*	*155.00e*	*199.00e*	*199.00*	*199.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Francisco. †	*69.00*	*69.00*	*76.00*	*76.00*	*76.00*	*76.00*	*96.00*	*109.00*	*109.00*	.....	.....	12.22	14.91a
Seattle ..... †	*57.00*	*65.00*	*65.00*	*65.00*	*65.00*	*65.00*	*75.00*	*85.00*	*85.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Toronto ..... a	**92.50**	**93.50**	**90.75**	**90.00**	**90.00**	**90.00**	.....	.....	.....	92.00	.....	.....	.....
	115.00	*115.00*	*117.75*	*190.00*	*195.00*	*196.00*	*142.00*	*135.00*	*145.00*	.....	.....	.....	.....

† F.o.b. mill. * F.o.b. city, CL, out of yard. ** F.o.b. city, CL, direct mill shipment. ‡ Deliv. to contr. CL. 1. Retail, LCL, at yard. # Retail, LCL, deliv. 2. Deliv. truck lots. 3. sad., truckload lots, 8/8 Mfdbm

LUMBER: Bold Face Type, Southern Pine. Italics, Douglas Fir. *a Spruce. *b Tax exempt. *c 5M lots. *d 8, 10, & 12 ft. lengths. *e 8 to 16 ft. lengths. *f Hemlock *g No. 1 common. *j 8 ft. lengths. *k No. 3 common. *l Incl rail rate from Northwest mills to San Francisco are $11.50 to $15.00 per M ft. bm. From Northern Calif. mills $9.00 by rail, $9.50 by truck. All rates for surfaced stock. For rough, add $3.00 to above figures. *m Up to 16"

PLYWOOD (Plyform, oiled and edge sealed): Douglas fir, 4' x 8' panels, 5-ply sanded 2 sides, carload lots, delivered per 1000 sq. ft. surface. Seattle base price, Interior, moisture resistant, ⅜", $140.00; ½", $161.00. Exterior, waterproof, ⅜" $144.00; ½", $170.00. For other centers add rail freight increment from table on proper size. *a Lower rate by water shipment. *b 50,000 lbs. minimum.

GLASS, EXPLOSIVES, CHEMICALS

	WINDOW GLASS Discounts from jobbers list, Feb. 1, 1950a Single or Double Strength A quality	WINDOW GLASS Discounts from jobbers list, Feb. 1, 1950a Single or Double Strength B quality	EXPLOSIVES Per lb. 40% Ammonia Gelatin in 50 lb. cases delivered in 200 lb. lots*
Atlanta	78%c	78%e	$0.2615
Baltimore	74%d	76%d	.2615
Birmingham	83%	83%	.2465
Boston	72-10%	72-10%	.2615
Chicago	72%	72%	.2615
Cincinnati	74%	74%	.2615
Cleveland	74-3-10%	74-3-10%	.3015
Dallas	76%	76%	.2690
Denver	74%	74%	.2665
Detroit	74-10-10%	74-10-10%	.2615
Kansas City	74-10-10%	74-10-10%	.2665
Los Angeles	70%	76%e	.2640
Minneapolis	71-10%	71-10%	.2665
Montreal	40-10-8%bc	40-10-8%b	22.05h
New Orleans	75%	76%	.2665
New York	79-10%	79-10%	.45g
Philadelphia	74-10%	76-10%	.2615
Pittsburgh	72%	72%	.2615
St. Louis	72-10-10%	72-10-10%	.2665
San Francisco	60%-25%	68%-25%	.2615
Seattle	67%	72%	.2640

Price of 60% Ammonia Gelatin is $0.15 per lb. higher than 40% in U. S., $1.75 per 100 lbs. higher in Canada.

Glass: *a Jobbers' list price per box, 14 x 20, ss, $42.75 for A quality, $37.80 for B quality; 14 x 20, ds, $60.00 for A quality, $52.75 for B quality. *b sales tax extra. *c 77½ for single strength *d Discount 6/15/52. *e 77½ for double strength

Explosives: * Cartridges of 1¼", 1½", 1¾", 2", 2½", 2½", 3" diameters. Urban prices influenced by service charges or local storage and delivery regulations do not consistantly reflect quantity prices in less congested areas. *g In borough of Kings, Queens, and Richmond and in Manhattan south of Canal St., add delivery charge of $20.00 per trip. *h F.o.b Beloeil (near Montreal), per 100 lb. forcite, 40%. Forcite 60%, $23.80

40% Ammonia Gelatin price ranges in other than urban areas, per lb. (except Seismograph Grades)

	C/L 20,000 lb. net	Tons	200 lb. lots
E of the Miss., except Fla and Me	$0.2065	$0.2465	$0.2615
W of Miss. to Rocky Mtn. States, Fla. and Maine	.2115	.2515	.2665
Rocky Mtn. States	.2115	.2515	.2665
Pacific N. W. States	.2090	.2490	.2640
Pacific S. W. States	.2065	.2465	.2615

PILES, TIES F. O. B.

PILES

Prices per linear foot, fir and pine, bark off, f.o.b. cars, New York. Fir based on Wash. and Ore. points to New York shipping area; pine based on freight from Norfolk.

Dimensions	Points	Length	By Rail Pine*	By Rail Fir
12-in. at butt	6-in.	30 to 50-ft.	$0.81	.....
12-in.—2-ft. from butt	6-in.	50 to 59-ft.	.84	.....
12-in.—2-ft. from butt	6-in.	60 to 69-ft.	.88	.....
12-in.—2-ft. from butt	6-in.	90 to 100-ft.	.....	.....
13-in.—3-ft. from butt	8-in.	91 to 100-ft.	.....	.....
14-in.—2-ft. from butt	6-in.	50 to 69-ft.	.90/93	.....
14-in.—2-ft. from butt	6-in.	70 to 79-ft.	.73/.83	.98
14-in.—2-ft. from butt	8-in.	80 to 85-ft.	.83/.98	.94
14-in.—2-ft. from butt	8-in.	85 to 89-ft.	.....	1.00
14-in.—2-ft. from butt	8-in.	90 to 100-ft.	.....	1.03

* Pine piling over 80-ft. available only in limited quantities

RAILWAY TIES

Prices f.o.b. per tie for carload lots:

		8" x 8" x 8' Untr.	8" x 8" x 8' Tr.	7" x 8" x 8'8" Untr.	7" x 8" x 8'8" Tr.
Birmingham*	Hardwood, Grade 3	$1.70	$2.55	Gr. 5 $2.25	$3.33
	Grade 2	1.50	2.35	" 4 2.10	3.18
	Grade 1	1.15	2.00	" 3a 1.70	2.78
Chicago	Red Oak	.....	4.00a	.....	4.60a
New York	S. L. Sap Pine	2.00	4.00	3.00	6.00g
	Mixed Oak	2.50	4.50	3.50	6.50g
Philadelphia	Red Oak	2.95/3.15	4.50/4.70	3.60/3.80	5.50/5.75
St. Louis	Mixed Oak	2.65	3.40a	2.90h	3.75ah
San Francisco	Douglas Fir	1.91af	2.80af	2.69af	4.07caf

Tr.—Treated; Untr.—Untreated. a Creosoted. c Empty cell. e Green f f.o.b. cars. g 7 x 9 x 8' 6" * Add 75¢/tie freight charge to Birmingham. *h 7" x 9" x 9½"

CHEMICALS

Water, sewage treatment, road work, f.o.b. carlots, New York

Bleaching powder in drums f.o.b. works, per 100 lb	$5.02
Chlorine cylinders, liquid, per lb. f.o.b. works	.103
Calcium chloride, 77-80%, flaked, 100-lb. paper bag, f.o.b. works, ton	29.00
Silicate of soda, 52 deg., in drums, f.o.b. works, per 100 lb	2.30
Soda ash, 58%, in paper bags, per 100 lb. dense	1.70
Sulphate of aluminum, commercial, in 100-lb. bags f.o.b. works	1.85
Sulphate of copper, in bags, 99% per 100 lb. f.o.b. works	14.90

What's Ahead For Construction Wages?

New Wages Up for Talks When New Contracts Are Negotiated in These Cities

City	Common Labor: Building	Common Labor: Heavy Construction	Skilled Labor: Bricklayers	Skilled Labor: Carpenters	Skilled Labor: Structural Ironworkers
Atlanta					
Baltimore					
Birmingham					
Boston	Apr 1	Apr 1	Apr 1	Mar 31	
Chicago				May 31	May 31
Cincinnati	Jun 1	Jun 1	Jun 1	Jun 1	Jun 1
Cleveland	May 1	May 1	May 1	May 1	May 1
Dallas			Jul 1	Aug 1	Apr 1
Denver			May 15		
Detroit	May 1	May 1	May 30	May 1	May 1
Kansas City			Mar 31		
Los Angeles			May 1		
Minneapolis					
New Orleans	Apr 30	Apr 30	Apr 30	Apr 30	Apr 30
New York			May 31		Jun 30
Philadelphia			Apr 30	Apr 30	Jun 30
Pittsburgh	May 31	Dec 31	May 31	May 31	Jun 30
St. Louis					
San Francisco			Jul 31		
Seattle	Dec 31	Dec 31	Jul 1	Jul 1	Dec 31
Montreal					
Toronto	Apr 30	Apr 30	Apr 30	Apr 30	Apr 30

Increases Are Already Scheduled to go Into Effect Later on for These Unions

City	Common Labor: Building	Common Labor: Heavy Construction	Skilled Labor: Bricklayers	Skilled Labor: Carpenters	Skilled Labor: Structural Ironworkers
Atlanta	Jul 1: 10¢	Jul 1: 10¢	Jul 1: 15¢	Jul 1: 10¢	
Baltimore	Mar 31: 10¢	Mar 31: 10¢	Oct 1: 15¢	Apr 1: 15¢	Aug 1: 15¢
Birmingham	Sep 1: 15¢	Sep 1: 15¢	May 1: 10¢ + Sep 1: 10¢	May 1: 10¢ + Sep 1: 10¢	Jul 1: 10¢
Boston					
Chicago					
Cincinnati					
Cleveland					
Dallas					
Denver				May 1: 5¢	
Detroit					
Kansas City	Apr 1: 10¢	Apr 1: 10¢		Apr 1: 20¢	Apr 1: 15¢
Los Angeles	May 1: 20½¢	May 1: 20½¢		May 1: 15¢	
Minneapolis	May 1: 15¢		May 1: 15¢	May 1: 15¢	May 1: 15¢
New Orleans					
New York	Jul 1: 10¢	Jul 1: 10¢		Jul 1: 10¢	
Philadelphia	May 1: 10¢	May 1: 10¢	May 1: 13¢		
Pittsburgh					
St. Louis	May 1: 12½¢	May 1: 12½¢		May 1: 12½¢	May 1: 12½¢
San Francisco	May 1: 18¢	May 1: 18¢		Jun 15: 15¢	Aug 16: 22½¢
Seattle					
Montreal	Apr 1: 10¢	Apr 1: 10¢	Apr 1 10¢	Apr 1: 10¢	Apr 1: 10¢
Toronto					

Wage Hikes to Give Costs a Big Push

Wage increases this year again will exert great pressure on construction costs. In fact, higher wages will account for most of the predicted 1958 rise in ENR's Construction Cost and Building Cost Indexes (see page 33.)

The pattern for 1958 wage hikes is taking shape. During the first three months of this year common labor unions and certain skilled trades received pay rate boosts averaging 10.5 cents per hour in seven of the 22 cities covered by ENR's cost indexes. That's just the beginning, however, because many more unions in the 22 cities also will come up with wage increases between now and the end of the year.

Many of the laborers, bricklayers, carpenters and structural ironworkers in 11 of the ENR 22 cities will receive deferred raises that their present contracts schedule to go into effect some time this year (see chart above). These deferred wage increases range between 10 cents and 20 cents per hour.

Furthermore, many unions will negotiate new contracts to replace those expiring this year. It's a safe bet that the unions in 16 of the 22 cities where new contracts are negotiated, will ask for—and get—wage hikes. Although rising unemployment in construction may temper the wage demands presented by some unions, the substantial deferred increases that other unions are to receive will serve as a spur to unions bargaining for new contracts.

• **Big raises in Seattle**—Among cities reporting wage advances in the first quarter of '58, Seattle has the biggest boosts. Common labor on both building and heavy construction received increases of 19 cents per hour, while carpenters' and structural ironworkers' wages are up 19 cents and 15 cents respectively. Atlanta reports the smallest first quarter wage advances. Carpenters and common labor on building and heavy construction received 5 cent hikes, and bricklayers wages are up 15 cents per hour. Other cities with wage boosts of 7 to 15 cents in the first quarter are Denver, Minneapolis, New York, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis.

Automatic common labor wage increases for '58—provided by existing contracts in half of the 22 reporting cities—range from 10 cents per hour in Atlanta, Baltimore, Kansas City, New York, Montreal, and Philadelphia to 20½ cents per hour in Los Angeles. Other cities anticipating common labor wage hikes are Birmingham, Minneapolis, St. Louis, and San Francisco.

• **Negotiations coming up**—A busy bargaining season is ahead—especially for bricklayers whose contracts will run out. Nearly all of the expiration dates fall in the middle two quarters of the year.

Most of the eight common labor wage agreements expire during the second quarter of '58. Skilled labor wage agreements, for carpenters and structural ironworkers, expire in 11 cities in the first two quarters of the year, with the exception of the structural ironworkers contract in Seattle.

ENR publishes wage rates for selected construction trades in 22 U. S. and Canadian cities each month. These reports last appeared in ENR February 27, p. 68 and will appear again on April 3. Wage rates in 55 cities as of September 1, 1957 were reported in ENR October 17, 1957, pp. 160-161.

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Utah Construction Company

moves 10,500,000 yds. of sand from bay floor, to build 400-acre coastal development

In an effort to keep up with California Bay Area's fast-expanding population, the Reclamation Bureau of Alameda is creating a new 400-acre coastal tract along the south shore of Alameda, on San Francisco Bay. This monumental reclamation project will provide for much-needed commercial and residential expansion.

Estimated to be completed by 1960, the development will ultimately include 1000 homes . . . plus multiple dwelling units, shopping centers, a professional and administrative zone, schools, churches and parks. A public beach along the perimeter will add to recreational facilities.

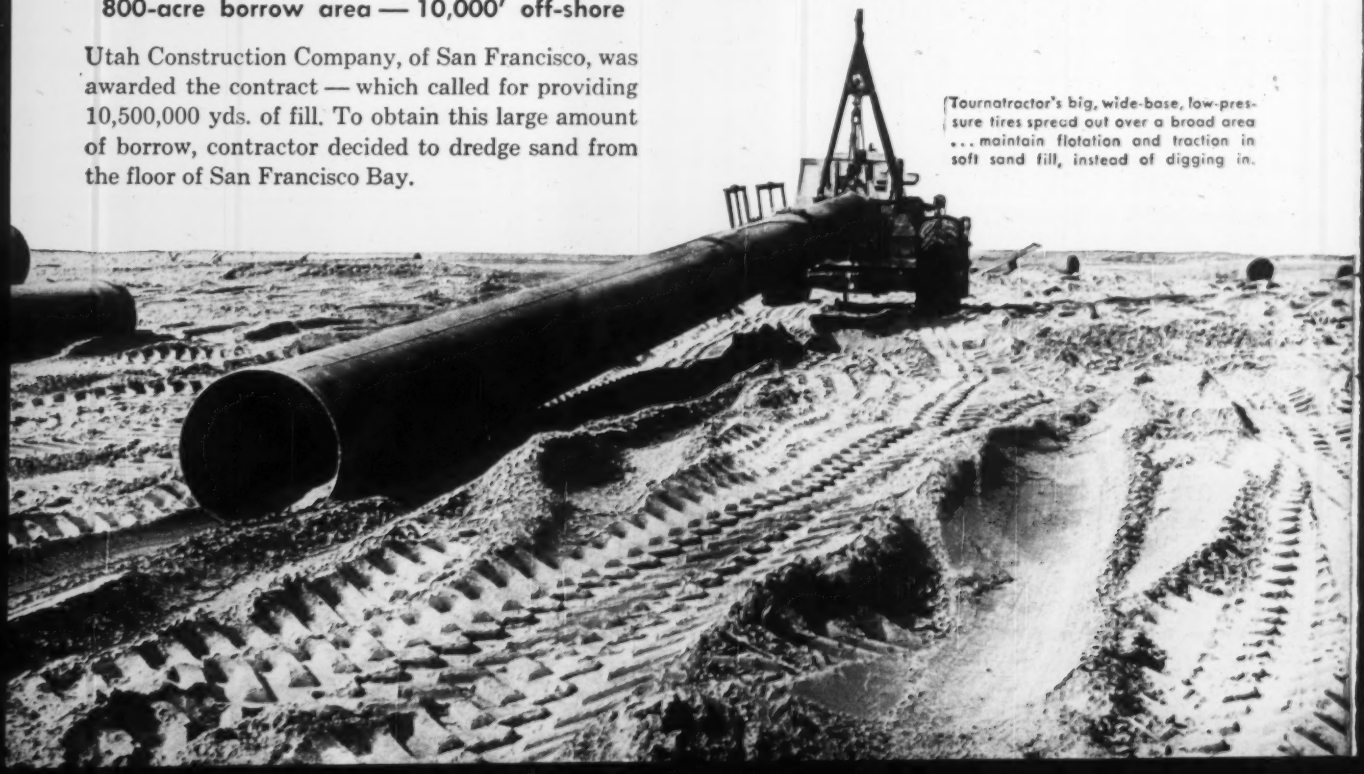
800-acre borrow area — 10,000′ off-shore

Utah Construction Company, of San Francisco, was awarded the contract — which called for providing 10,500,000 yds. of fill. To obtain this large amount of borrow, contractor decided to dredge sand from the floor of San Francisco Bay.

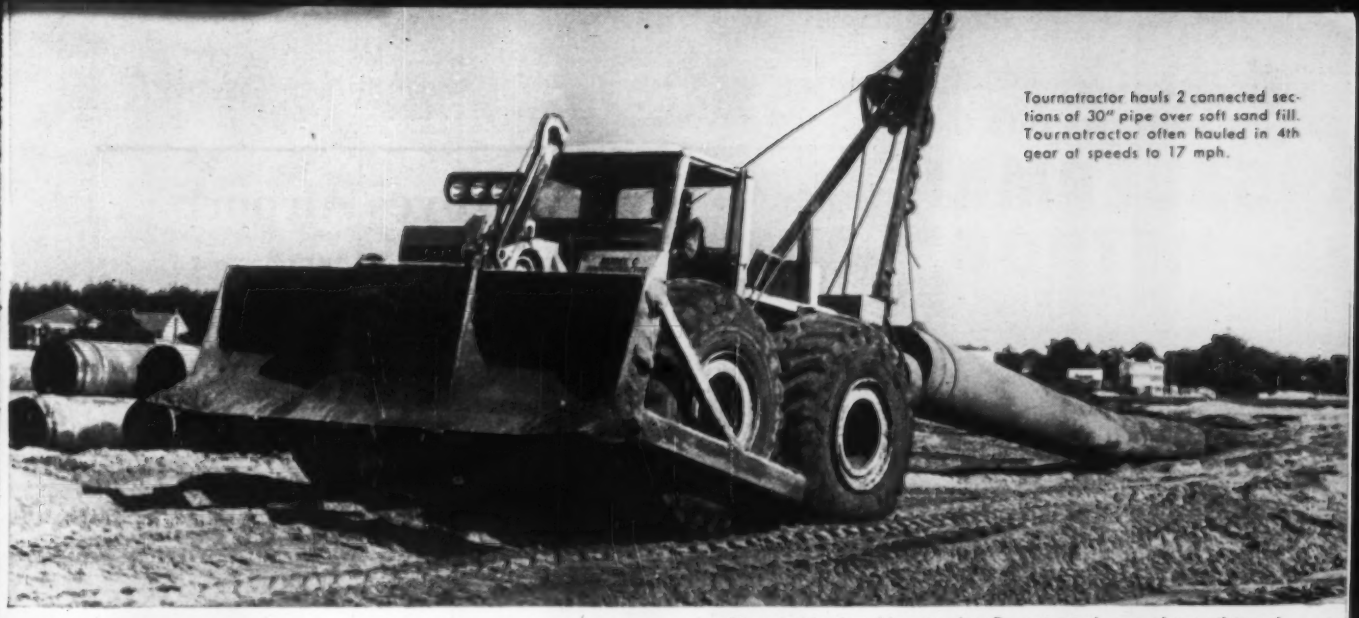
The borrow area — approximately 800 acres in size —was located in San Francisco Bay, 10,000 ft. from original shore line. Its location was established by soil mechanic engineers, after exhaustive tests to locate material that would best meet fill requirements.

1,850 cu. yds. per hr., 168 hrs. per week

Using one of the largest electrically-powered dredges in the world, Utah's Dredging Company pumped sand to shore — 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. This floating-dirtmover produced an average 1,850 cu. yds. per hour. On shore, a network of 40,000 feet of 30″ pipe was continually being moved and changed to assure proper placement of fill.



Tournatractor's big, wide-base, low-pressure tires spread out over a broad area . . . maintain flotation and traction in soft sand fill, instead of digging in.



Tournatractor hauls 2 connected sections of 30" pipe over soft sand fill. Tournatractor often hauled in 4th gear at speeds to 17 mph.

To move the 40′ long, 3,000-lb. sections of pipe, contractor first tried using a crawler tractor and sled combination. This method was soon found to be expensive. Due to continuous operation in loose, abrasive sand, the crawler's tracks deteriorated rapidly, and had to be replaced every 30 days.

Use high-speed, rubber-tired Tournatractor®

Utah Construction then called in their rubber-tired LeTourneau-Westinghouse 17 mph Tournatractor. Unit has a rear-mounted boom crane — which is operated electrically by Tournatractor's double-drum power-control-unit. This big, high-speed tractor on rubber skidded an average of 12 lengths of 40′ pipe per hour.

Handles wide variety of jobs

When not hauling pipe, contractor made good use of Tournatractor's high speed and mobility to handle odd jobs around the construction area. Tournatractor built access roads, levees, and moved mats for draglines. Moving these mats took Tournatractor only 15 minutes.

Get complete facts

Find out for yourself how this LeTourneau-Westinghouse rubber-tired Tournatractor can *save you money* on a major percentage of your tractor work. Write or phone for complete details.

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Sling man hooks cable onto pipe. Tournatractor's ease of operation and excellent visibility enable operator to work confidently and efficiently.

At a moment's notice, Tournatractor can be dispatched to handle emergency dozing jobs anywhere in the area. A mile is only a few minutes away for this high-speed rubber-tired tractor. Unit travels over abrasive sand, concrete, blacktop, railroad tracks, without damage.

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Silt Removal by Slackline Cableway keeps channel clear for irrigation project. Bucket digs, then conveys spoil to downstream side of dam. (*Sauerman News 146*).

Digging Gravel for a plant supplying aggregate for 82 miles of turnpike, this 5-yd. DragScraper often operates around the clock. It has excavated over a million tons. (*Sauerman News 145*).

Reclaiming Material to hopper from all sections of a 500-ft. warehouse, the estimated operating cost of this DragScraper Machine is 2.1 cents per ton. (*Sauerman News 145*).

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You'll find a complete description of the Sauerman Method in Catalog A, DragScrapers; Catalog C, Slackline Cableways; and Catalog E, Bulk Storage by Scraper.

SAUERMAN BROS., Inc. 632 S. 28th STREET BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS

Los Angeles Improves Airport

Portland cement pavement at $4.90 per sq yd is more than 25% of $1.8 million contract

Fifteen bidders vied for improvements to the Los Angeles International Airport for the City Department of Airports. Unit prices seesawed in close bidding between the low bidders, but Griffith Co.'s bid of $4.90 a sq yd for 16,670 yd of 12" PCC runway and 78,910 sq yd of taxiway pavement, swung the award in their favor. This $1,799,995 contract includes:

Group	Amount of Contract	% of Total
B — Runway and taxiways	$1,073,551	59.6
D — Remove existing airport maintenance yard	12,000	0.7
E — New airport maintenance yard	240,503	13.4
F — Service road	104,235	5.8
G — Box storm drain for power line easement	31,102	1.7
Additive Alternates		
1 — Local and international plane maintenance sites	207,085	11.5
2 — Box under east end of east-west runway	58,490	3.2
3 — Pave high-speed turnoffs	73,029	4.1

Bids were taken in three groups for the runway and taxiways. The award was on the combination of Parts I and II of Group B, which was similar to Group A, but Group C omitted a number of items and called for 80,000 cu yd less of excavation and 7,500 sq yd less of taxiway pavement. There were also variations in the sq yd content of the bituminous prime coat and the crushed aggregate in all groups.

Wages prevailing in the Los Angeles area include: Carpenters, $3.325; tractor operators, including bulldozers, $3.57; motor grader operators, $3.66; truck drivers, $2.705-$2.905; common labor, $2.575, all including fringe benefits.

The bidding on the runway and taxiways went like this:

Group A		
1	Griffith Co., Los Angeles, Calif	$1,071,283
2	S. A. Cummings, Compton, Calif	1,130,970
15	Webb & White, Los Angeles, Calif	1,475,006

		Part I	Part II
Group B			
1C	Griffith Co., Los Angeles	$943,300	$130,252
2	S. A. Cummings, Compton	991,377	
2	Oberg Constr. Co., Inglewood, Calif		138,103
15	Webb & White, Los Angeles	1,290,569	
15	R. R. Hensler, Sun Valley, Calif		232,205

Group C		
1	Griffith Co., Los Angeles	$943,400
2	S. A. Cummings, Compton	991,377
15	Webb & White, Los Angeles	1,313,969

(*Continued on page 56*)

Runway and Taxiways		Group A			Group B					Group C		
					Part I			Part II				
Bids: 11-13-57 Items	Unit	Sta 0+00 to 89+25 Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2	Sta 0+00 to 64+00 and 73+00 to 89+25 Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2	Sta 64+0 to 73+00 Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2	Sta 0+00 to 64+00 and 73+00 to 89+25 Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Clear and grub	ls	job	$14,000	$6,268	job	$14,000	$6,268	.....	.....	.....	job	$14,000	$6,268
Salv runway, taxiway lights	ls	job	500.00	512.00	job	500.00	512.00	.....	.....	.....	job	500.00	512.00
chain link fence	lf	3,600	0.20	0.19	.....	.....	.....	3,600	$0.20	$0.25	.....	.....	.....
PCC pavement, break up	sy	5,000	0.30	0.185	.....	.....	.....	5,000	0.30	1.00	.....	.....	.....
remove	sy	500	1.75	1.23	.....	.....	.....	500	1.75	2.00	.....	.....	.....
AC shoulders, break up	sy	2,200	0.35	0.06	.....	.....	.....	2,200	0.35	0.50	.....	.....	.....
N-S runw, CMPA 18"x11", remove	lf	134	2.20	1.64	134	2.20	1.64	.....	.....	.....	134	2.20	1.64
Excavate	cy	314,000	0.54	0.534	234,000	0.57	0.534	80,000	0.47	0.45	234,000	0.57	0.534
CMP culv, 12 ga, 24"	lf	216	11.00	9.30	.....	.....	.....	216	11.00	13.00	.....	.....	.....
30"	lf	794	12.00	11.45	794	12.00	11.45	.....	.....	.....	794	12.00	11.45
36"	lf	232	16.00	13.50	232	16.00	13.50	.....	.....	.....	232	16.00	13.50
48"	lf	296	23.00	17.30	296	23.00	17.30	.....	.....	.....	296	23.00	17.30
CMPA culv, 10 ga, 50"x31"	lf	212	21.00	20.30	212	21.00	20.30	.....	.....	.....	212	21.00	20.30
Inlet struct #2	cy	9	110.00	98.00	9	110.00	98.00	.....	.....	.....	9	110.00	98.00
Outlet struct #2	cy	81	44.00	49.00	81	44.00	49.00	.....	.....	.....	81	44.00	49.00
RC Headwall, tp A	ea	10	350.00	350.00	8	350.00	390.00	2	350.00	300.00	8	350.00	390.00
Conc encase 1 duct bank	lf	510	2.00	2.02	510	2.00	2.02	.....	.....	.....	510	2.00	2.02
4	lf	4,415	4.50	4.40	3,980	4.50	4.40	435	4.50	5.00	3,980	4.50	4.40
6	lf	241	7.00	7.24	241	7.00	7.24	.....	.....	.....	241	7.00	7.24
8	lf	700	10.00	9.96	455	10.00	9.96	245	10.00	10.00	455	10.00	9.96
Markers, duct end	ea	88	2.00	13.86	76	2.00	13.86	12	2.00	15.00	76	2.00	13.86
Bit prime coat, 146,900 sy	t	157.5	37.00	31.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
128,500 sy	t	.....	.....	.....	133	37.00	31.70	.....	.....	.....	133	37.00	31.70
18,400 sy	t	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	37.00	40.00	.....	.....	.....
Base crse, cr agg, 146,900 sy	cy	35,100	5.00	5.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
128,500 sy	cy	.....	.....	.....	30,600	5.00	5.50	.....	.....	.....	30,600	5.00	5.50
18,400 sy	cy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,600	5.10	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Test rolling 100	sf	36,500	0.22	0.06	32,450	0.22	0.06	4,050	0.22	0.05	32,450	0.22	0.06
Bit tack coat, 4,000 sy	t	4	55.00	54.50	4	55.00	54.50	.....	.....	.....	4	55.00	54.50
surf crse, minus agg 2", 102,000 sy	t	10,800	5.30	6.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
91,650 sy	t	.....	.....	.....	9,690	5.30	6.30	.....	.....	.....	9,690	5.30	6.30
10,500 sy	t	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,100	5.30	5.25	.....	.....	.....
minus agg 3", 44,800 sy	t	7,160	5.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36,900 sy	t	.....	.....	.....	5,900	5.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	5,900	5.00	6.00
7,900 sy	t	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,260	5.00	5.25	.....	.....	.....
Asph pave, 85-100 penet	t	1,045	26.00	24.00	900	26.00	24.00	140	26.00	23.00	900	26.00	24.00
PCC pave, 12", runway	sy	16,670	4.90	5.36	16,670	4.90	5.36	.....	.....	.....	16,670	4.90	5.36
taxiway	sy	78,910	4.90	5.20	71,410	4.90	5.20	7,500	4.90	5.60	71,410	4.90	5.20
Marking runway, taxiway	ls	job	1,100	1,060	job	1,000	980.00	job	100.00	100.00	job	1,100	980.00
N-S runway lights, reinstal, rewire circuit	ls	job	700.00	680.00	job	700.00	680.00	.....	.....	.....	job	700.00	680.00
Dust palliative	sy	123,600	0.03	0.09	112,600	0.03	0.09	11,000	0.03	0.05	112,800	0.03	0.0
Seeding	ac	150	200.00	249.00	135	200.00	249.00	15	200.00	225.00	125	200.00	249.0
CI watermain, 12", lower	lf	730	6.50	7.00	730	6.50	7.00	.....	.....	.....	730	6.50	7.0

Ahead of schedule . . . thru mud and bad weather

Supt. credits power-transfer differential for cutting lost time when going gets soft

Hatcher Bros. Inc., Mingo Junction, Ohio, is relocating 1.67 miles of U.S. 62, at Brinkhaven, Ohio . . . constructing a grade separation to eliminate a low, narrow underpass. Work includes grading, drainage, structures, and paving . . . completion scheduled Sept. 1958. Initially, company's fleet included one Le-Tourneau-Westinghouse 210 hp C Tournapull® with 18-yd. Fullpak® scraper, 3 competitive 20-yd. scrapers, 4 crawlers, and a grader.

Began project in mid-winter

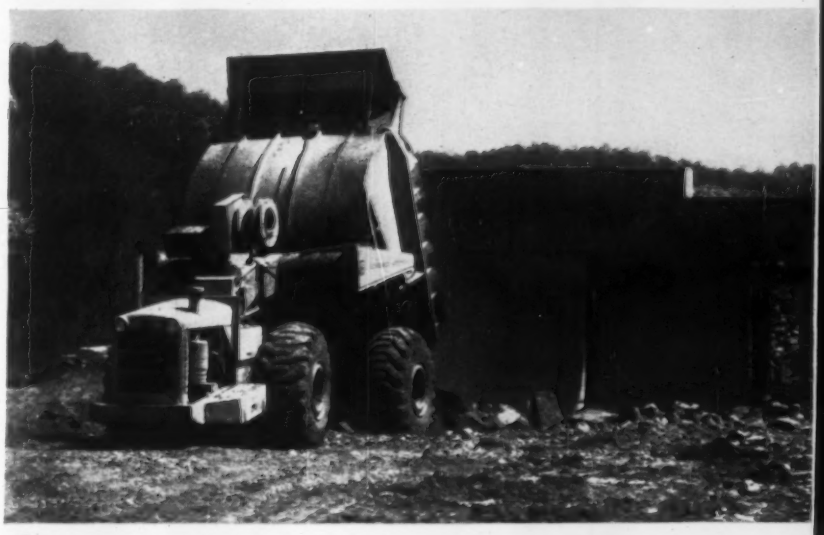
Contractor began 210,600-yd. dirt-moving in January 1957 . . . worked thru wet, muddy winter and spring weather. Hatcher Bros. found that Tournapull worked productively in very muddy conditions — in footing that stopped other machines.

As scraper work progressed, the company needed rock haulers, and so acquired a 17-yd. (22-ton) C Tournapull Rear-Dump. The original C 'Pull* scraper was also converted to a Rear-Dump by interchanging a Rear-Dump trail-unit for scraper, behind same prime-mover. Another Tournapull scraper — 9-yd. Model D — was purchased. And a 150 hp L-W grader, Adams* Model 660, was added to speed spreading of fill, and to maintain haul roads and cuts.

Worked in mud and bad weather

In early April, the 2 L-W Rear-Dumps were put on double shift. After a total of 4 months, 95% of all dirt work was completed. Supt. E. W. Ellis estimates the 3 Tournapulls handled ⅔ of the yardage, even though the combination of competitive units have bigger load capacity.

Mr. Ellis reported, "We are now ahead of schedule because we could work our Tournapulls in the worst weather. That special differential really pays off when the going is soft. And we have had little down-time with our machines."



Hatcher Bros. Inc., first used 210 hp Tournapull prime-mover with 18-yd. Fullpak scraper to move dirt in late-winter slush . . . then switched to this interchangeable Rear-Dump trail-unit for hauling rock. Contractor used 2 such Rear-Dumps to build an overpass approach on U.S. 62, at Brinkhaven, Ohio.

Build overpass approach

Photos show Tournapulls completing the last 5% of dirtmoving. C Rear-Dumps are hauling rock, D Tournapull moving dirt, building-up approach to the new U.S. 62 overpass. Here, in fair weather and foul, Tournapulls have proved they'll move dirt at lower net-cost-per-yard.

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Hatcher Bros.' 138 hp, 9-yd D Tournapull scraper spreads fill on-the-run. Unit was able to "lap" larger competitive scrapers on 3900' cycles, due to faster loading (sometimes self-loading), higher-speed haul, and fast, tight turns on the fill. Grader coming up to spread dirt is a 150 hp Adams 660.

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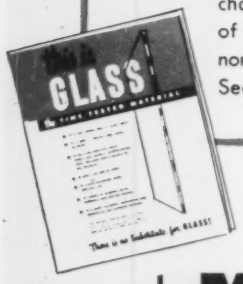

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. . . Unit Prices

The bidding for the other items in the contract went like this:

Group D—Remove Existing Airport Maintenance Yard	Lump Sum Bid
1C Griffith Co., Los Angeles, Calif	$12,000
2 R. R. Hensler, Sun Valley, Calif	18,500
15 Peter Kiewit Sons Co., Calif	45,000

Group E—New Airport Maintenance Yard	
1 Oberg Constr. Co., Inglewood, Calif	$206,520
2 Matich Constrs., Colton, Calif	207,372
7C Griffith Co., Los Angeles, Calif	240,503
15 MacDonald & Kruse, Sun Valley, Calif	278,224

Bids: 11-13-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1	7C
8 Armco bldgs, fndn & slabs	cy	400	$50.00	$56.00
reset bldgs	ls	job	4,000	18,000
Incinerator, fndn	cy	11	90.00	80.00
rehabilitate	ls	job	2,500	3,000
Fence, chain link, relocate	lf	630	1.25	1.00
salvaged	lf	500	0.70	0.60
Conc block wall	ls	job	8,000	8,500
Gate, 4 pr salvaged dbl dr i	ea	1	65.00	60.00
4' single f&i	ea	1	40.00	80.00
Gasoline, island & pad	sf	500	1.25	1.60
& diesel fuel tanks, salv i	ea	3	350.00	750.00
pumps i	ea	3	325.00	330.00
Waste oil storage tank i	ls	job	550.00	600.00
Hose reel, gasoline island	ea	2	185.00	220.00
Garage pipe & mech install	ls	job	5,000	3,200
Interior plumbing	ls	job	8,000	13,000
Piping, domestic water	ls	job	4,000	3,500
gas	ls	job	3,600	3,500
Electrical distribution	ls	job	14,000	14,000
RCP, cl 1000 D, 36"	lf	320	14.00	20.00
1500 D, 18"	lf	206	8.00	8.00
Drain, 4" for garden bldg	lf	125	2.75	4.00
MH, storm drain	ea	1	400.00	450.00
weir #1, B3481	ea	1	800.00	550.00
drop "S"	ea	2	600.00	700.00
Junction structure B	ea	job	550.00	300.00
Catch basin	ea	2	450.00	475.00
Wood bumper, parking lot	lf	400	2.00	1.30
Grade new maint area & access road	sf	165,000	0.026	0.03
Asph stab base, 5"	sy	13,750	0.70	1.25
Bit tack coat	t	13	60.00	60.00
surf crse, minus agg 3" (13,750 sf)	t	2,200	5.25	4.80
Asph paving, 85-100 penet.	t	132	23.00	26.00
Paint 8 Armco bldgs & incinerator	ls	job	4,700	6,500
RC warehouse	ls	job	75,000	80,000
Curb & gutter, integr, constr	lf	175	3.00	3.50
Cross gutter, constr	sf	190	1.00	0.70
Clarifier	ls	job	5,000	3,000
Sewer lines, exterior	ls	job	5,800	4,500

Group F—Service Road	
1 Tomei Constr. Co., Van Nuys, Calif	$87,390
2 Ball & Simpson, Berkley, Calif	89,308
9C Griffith Co., Los Angeles, Calif	104,235
15 J. A. Thompson & Son, Inglewood, Calif	119,677

Bids: 11-13-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1	9C
Excavation	cy	20,000	$0.50	$0.55
CMPA culv, 10 ga, 29"x18"	lf	400	13.00	14.00
CMP culv, 18"x14" ga	lf	900	6.50	7.00
Catch basin, st drain, remodel	ea	2	100.00	55.00
Head walls, tp A	ea	16	200.00	180.00
B, with apron	ea	2	450.00	550.00
Tack coat (32,600 sy)	t	34	50.00	55.00
Asph stab base, 5"	sy	34,600	0.55	1.20
Bit surf crse, minus agg 3", (32,600 sy)	t	5,170	7.00	8.50
Asph pavement, 85-100 penet	t	330	8.00	26.00
Seeding	ac	6	300.00	200.00
PCC ditch paving	sf	180	1.00	2.00
Highway center stripe	ls	job	500.00	450.00

Group G—Box Storm Drain for Power Line Easement	
1 Matich Constrs., Colton, Calif	$30,655
2C Griffith Co., Los Angeles, Calif	31,102
15 R. A. Westbrook & Morrison Knudsen Co., Sacramento, Calif	50,178

Bids: 11-13-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1	2C
Excavation, struct	cy	700	$3.15	$1.90
Concrete, struct	cy	470	37.00	42.00
apron slab	cy	60	52.00	35.00
Steel, reinforcing	lb	50,000	0.15	0.15
Fence, chain link	lf	180	2.50	2.40

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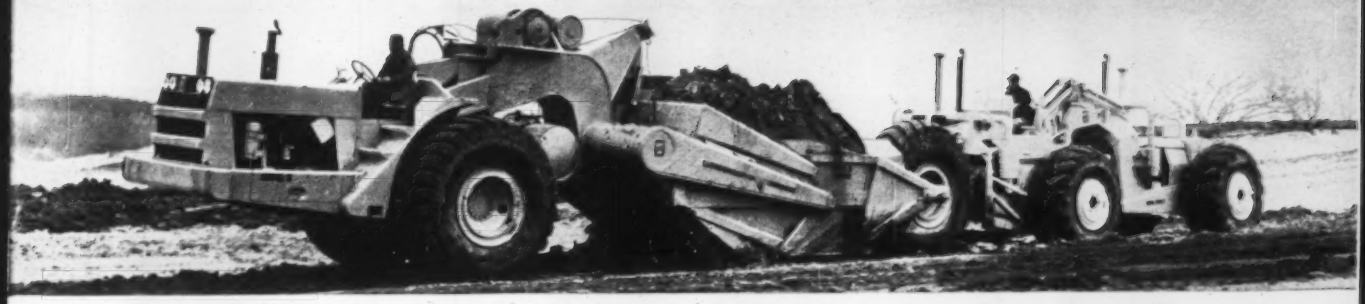
27 cu. yds. heaped



27-yard "B" gets capacity load of red clay in less than a minute, pushed by 420 hp LeTourneau-Westinghouse Twin-C* push-tractor.

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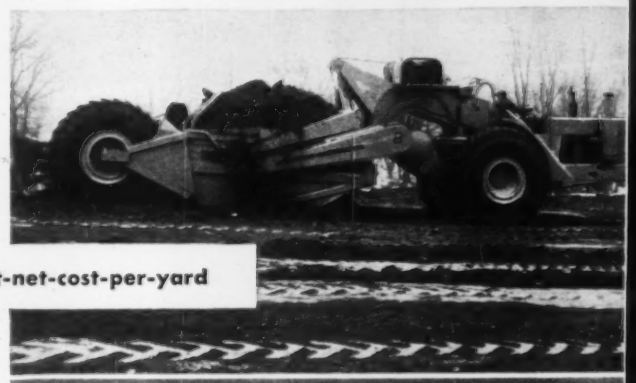
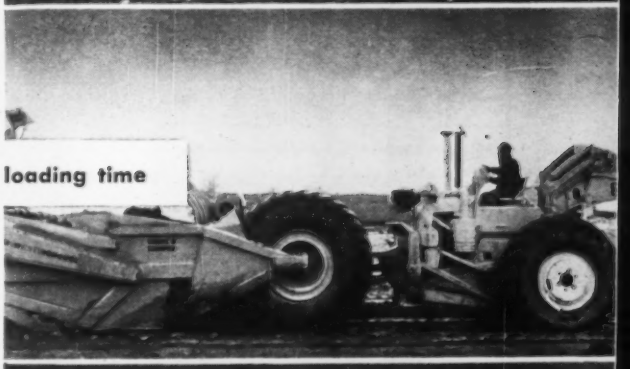


Low-and-wide Fullpak scraper produces more at lowest-net-cost-per-yard

This easy-loading LeTourneau-Westinghouse 27-yd. Fullpak scraper is the result of building more than 13,000 self-propelled scraper units over a period of more than 19 years. Its basic low-and-wide design has been thoroughly field-tested on hundreds of Model C Tournapulls with 18-yd. Fullpak scrapers on jobs all over the world. Using the same pusher in the same materials, the new 27-yd. B Fullpak gets heaped loads in approximately same time as most medium-size scrapers.



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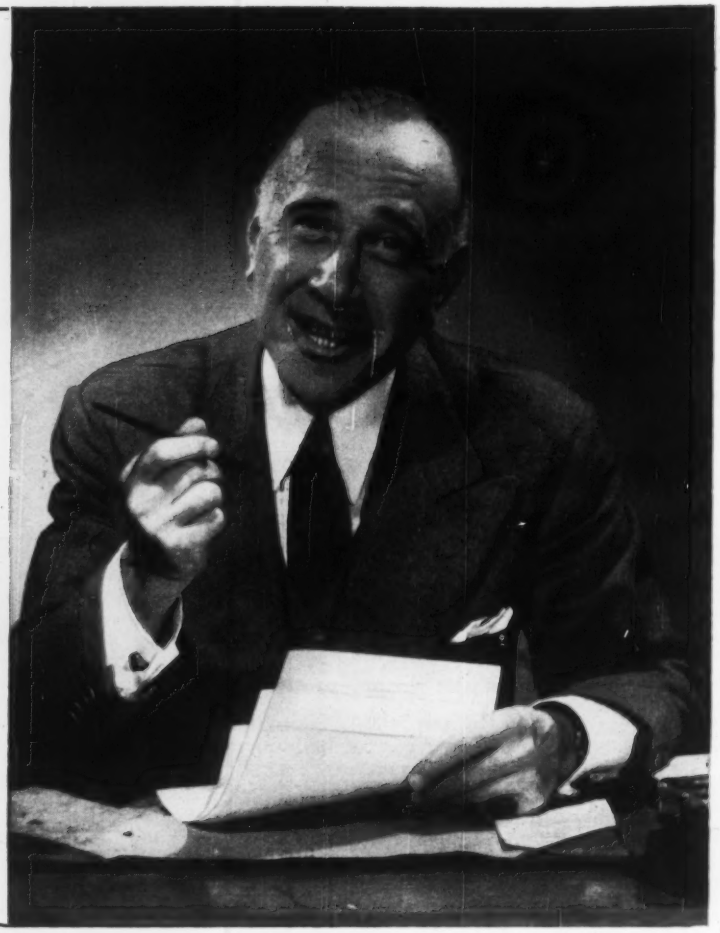

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2	S. A. Cummings, Compton, Calif	206,979
3C	Griffith Co., Los Angeles, Calif	207,085
15	R. R. Hensler, Sun Valley, Calif	272,296

Bids: 11-13-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1	 3C
Excavation	cy	9,500	$0.42	$0.54
RCP, 1750D, 18"	lf	850	8.40	8.70
21"	lf	724	11.00	11.00
24"	lf	288	11.50	12.00
CMP, 14 ga, 18"	lf	80	6.80	6.50
CMPA, 10 ga, 29"x18"	lf	200	13.50	14.00
Headwall tp A	ea	1	160.00	160.00
B, with apron	ea	1	840.00	500.00
Junction structure	ls	job	1,600	600.00
Catch basin, "A"	ea	6	260.00	575.00
VCP sewer pipe, 6"	lf	1,800	1.90	4.20
Std junction chamber "F"	ea	5	630.00	270.00
CI water line, cl 150, 8"	lf	2,430	5.25	5.20
Curb & gutter, remove	lf	50	1.05	2.20
construct	lf	101	2.10	2.20
Cross gutter, construct	sf	190	0.50	0.70
Fence, chain link, relocate	lf	100	1.05	0.70
new	lf	3,100	2.20	1.75
Gates, dbl drive, new	ea	2	200.00	160.00
PCC pavement, 9"	sy	17,780	3.70	3.90
12"	sy	11,850	4.54	5.00
Base crse, mixed-in-pl, 5"	sy	5,200	1.31	1.35
Shoulders, mixed-in-pl, 2½"	sy	5,425	0.84	0.85
Bituminous tack coats	t	5	105.00	60.00
surf crse, min agg, 3"	t	785	5.60	5.00
curb	lf	500	0.80	1.10
Asph, paving, 85-100 penet	t	45	23.00	26.00
Automatic controls for junction structure	ls	job	420.00	700.00
Dust palliative, MC-1	sy	1,350	0.03	0.04

Additive Alt. #2—Box Under East End of East-West Runway

1	Ball & Simpson, Berkeley, Calif	$56,360
2C	Griffith Co, Los Angeles, Calif	58,490
15	R. R. Hensler, Los Angeles, Calif	99,650

Bids: 11-13-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1	 2C
Ditch paving, remodel	ls	job	$250.00	$200.00
Excavation, struct	cy	900	1.50	1.00
Concrete, struct	cy	1,080	35.00	35.00
Steel, reinforcing	lb	119,000	0.13	0.15
Catch basin	ea	1	400.00	400.00
Cut-off wall	cy	6	65.00	90.00
Ditch paving	cy	20	35.00	40.00

Additive Alt. #3—Pave High-Speed Turn-offs

1	Peter Kiewit Sons Co., Calif	$64,376
2	Matich Constrs., Colton, Calif	66,940
3C	Griffith Co., Los Angeles, Calif	73,029
15	MacDonald & Kruse, Sun Valley, Calif	99,240

Bids: 11-13-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1	 3C
Taxiway, PCC pavement, 12"	sy	14,160	$4.54	$5.15
marking	sf	1,500	0.06	0.07

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This $5.7 million suspension bridge has a center span of 1150 ft and two side spans of 500 ft each. It crosses the St. Lawrence River between Ogdensburg, N. Y., and Grenville, Ont. Built for the New York State Department of Public Works, it will be operated by the Ogdensburg Bridge Authority, a New York State agency with corporate status in Canada. Modjeski & Masters, Harrisburg, Pa., are the design engineers, in association with P. L. Pratley, Montreal, Que. Robert W. Sweet is district engineer for the State at Watertown, N. Y.

The deck is 31 ft wide and carries a 26 ft open-grid steel roadway, a 3½ ft precast concrete sidewalk and a 1½ ft curb. Cost of the superstructure aver-

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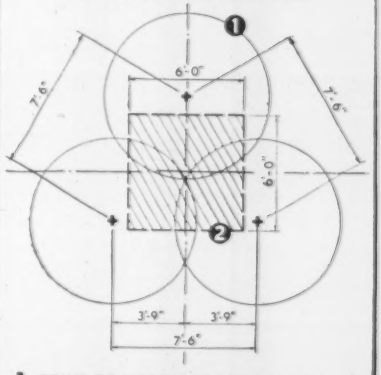

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Bids: 11-21-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Portland cement, tp 2	bbl	400	$7.10	$7.25
Concrete, cl 1A, struct	cy	250	115.00	185.00
Bar reinf for structures	lb	40,000	0.19	0.2015
Metalwork in towers, tower castings, cable bents, cable bent castings & anchorages	lb	2,750,000	0.4697	0.4660
cable bands, splay castings, high tensile bolts, anchor hood & bronze collars	lb	68,000	1.20	1.65
stiffening trusses & floor system	lb	5,600,000	0.3963	0.42
main cables & sockets	lb	1,310,000	0.856	0.85
suspender ropes, sockets, hand ropes & handrope supports	lb	160,000	1.37	1.35
Floor, open steel	sf	55,600	8.25	8.70
Wrapping cables	lf	5,100	34.40	38.50
Aluminum railing, incl lamposts	lf	4,300	31.70	34.50

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Miami Sewer

Skin divers to lay 7,000 linear ft. under water

This $463,133 contract to Intercounty Construction Co., Wilton Manor, Fla. is part of a $10 million sanitary sewer program. It is for the Central Negro trunk main and sewage pump station for Miami, Fla. Arthur E. Darlow is Director of the Department of Engineering.

Two existing pumping stations will be replaced by a new reinforced concrete station with three 900 gpm pumps to handle a maximum flow of 2.63 mgd.

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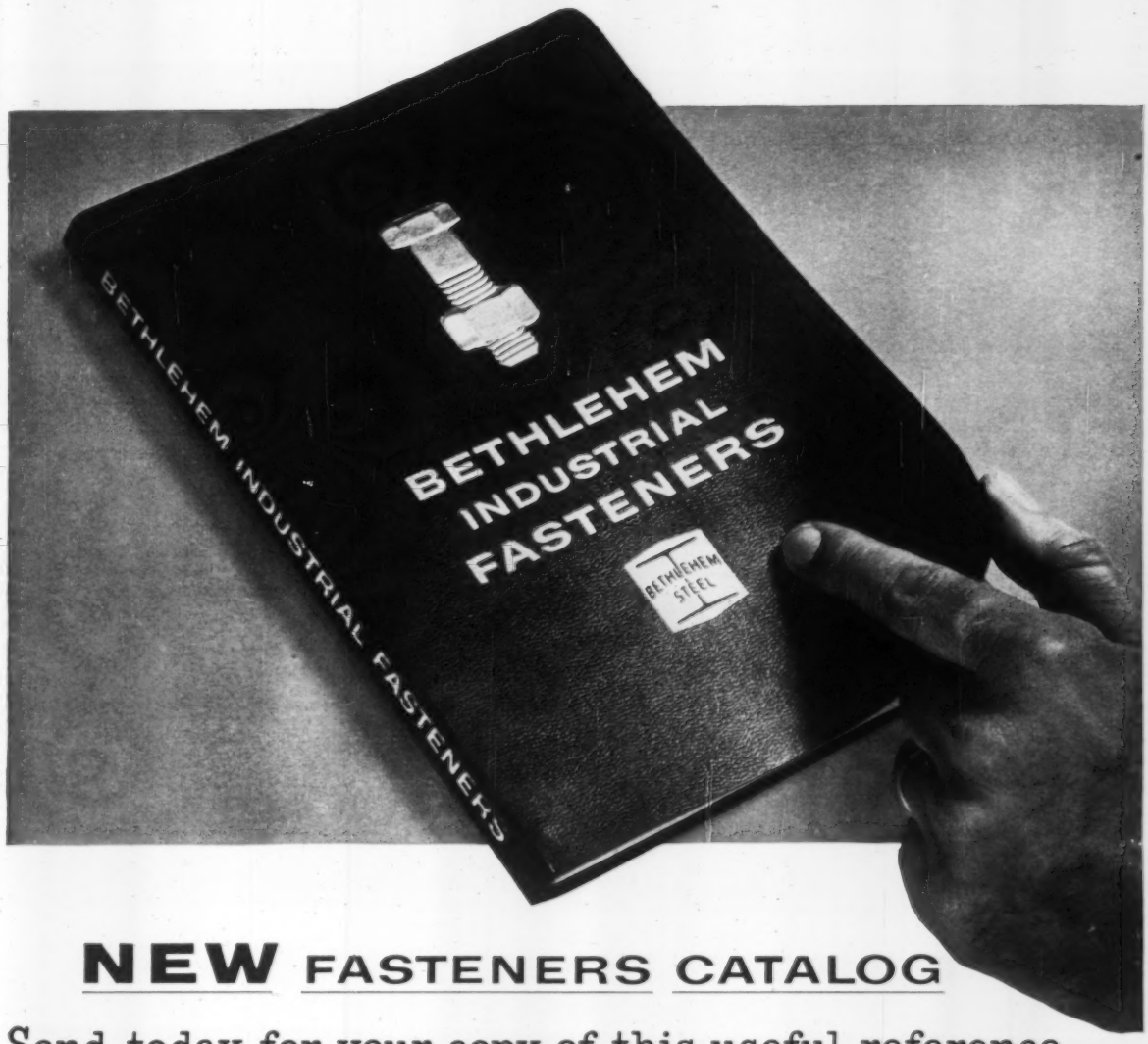

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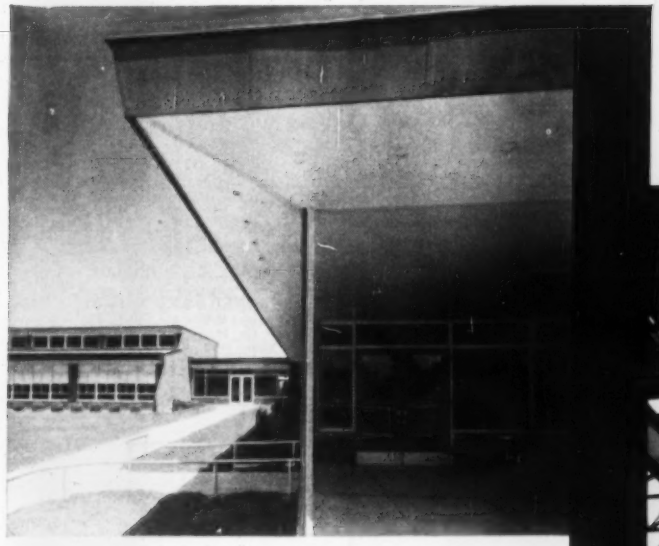

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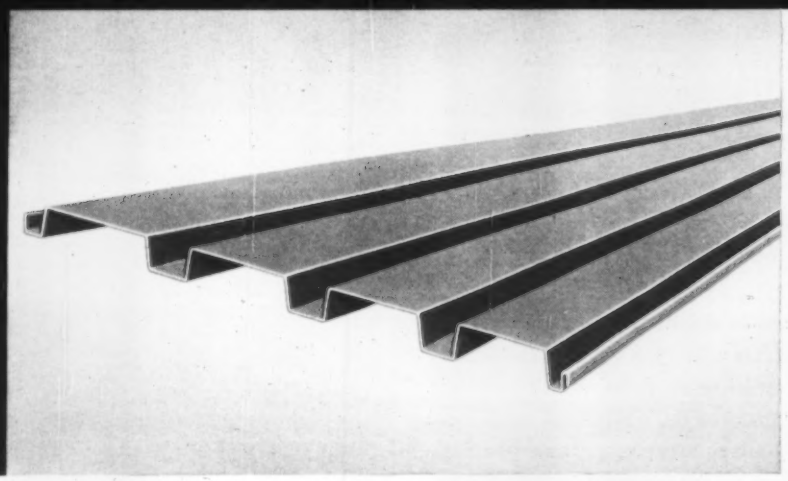

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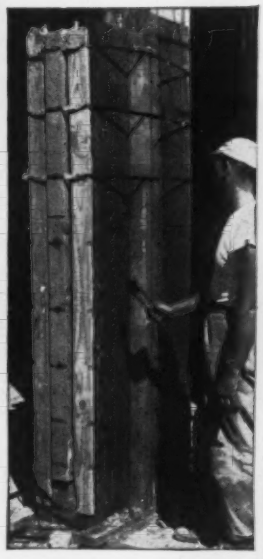

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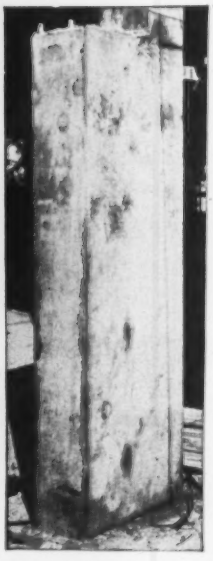

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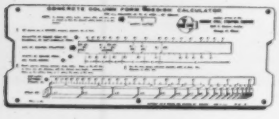

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One of five bids, the low was 23% below the engineer's estimate, 7.4% below the second bid, and 30.9% below the high. These include:

1C	Intercounty Constr. Co., Wilton Manor, Fla	$463,133
2	Joe Reinertson of Miami, Inc, Miami, Fla	499,944
5	Rood Constr. Co., Miami, Fla	670,393
EE	Arthur E. Darlow, Director, Dept of Engineering, City of Miami, Fla	600,000

Bids: 12-18-57

Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1	2
VSP, ES, 8", 0 6' cut	lf	20	$5.00	$8.00
6 8'	lf	185	5.50	8.00
8 10'	lf	40	25.00	8.00
10" 0 10'	lf	60	7.00	10.00
10 12'	lf	1,290	8.00	10.00
12" 0 12'	lf	170	9.00	15.00
12 14'	lf	190	10.50	15.50
16 18'	lf	5	20.00	16.00
15" 0 12'	lf	55	12.50	12.00
12 14'	lf	365	13.50	15.75
14 16'	lf	160	14.00	18.00
18" 0 8'	lf	10	12.00	15.00
8 10'	lf	370	14.00	17.15
10/12'	lf	1,395	15.00	18.80
12 14'	lf	2,860	20.00	22.15
14 16'	lf	475	22.00	26.50
16 18'	lf	290	24.00	29.00
18 20'	lf	243	28.00	36.00
24" 0 12'	lf	180	17.00	19.00
12 14'	lf	150	22.00	20.00
14 16'	lf	330	24.00	22.00
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14 16'	lf	405	22.00	34.00
16 18'	lf	2,115	28.00	36.00
Manholes, tp A, 4 6'	ea	3	225.00	200.00
6 8'	ea	1	250.00	250.00
8 10'	ea	4	320.00	325.00
10 12'	ea	11	375.00	425.00
12 14'	ea	16	450.00	485.00
14 16'	ea	5	500.00	545.00
16 18'	ea	16	700.00	625.00
18 20'	ea	8	900.00	725.00
spec 15	ea	1	400.00	800.00
Pump station	ls	job	75,000	67,500
Drop conn at manhole	lf	170	10.00	40.00
Cut for 30" or less pipe 0 2" cut	lf	500	0.01	0.10
2 4"	lf	300	0.02	0.15
4 8"	lf	100	0.03	0.20
Extra backfill	cy	750	0.25	0.50
Rock bed	cy	700	5.00	6.50
Pavement, perm, replace	sy	6,000	3.50	3.25
sand oil, replace	sy	1,500	2.50	2.25
Conc sidewalk, 4", replace	sf	100	0.70	0.75
6", replace	sf	100	0.85	0.85
curb, 6", replace	lf	10	3.00	2.00
Pump stations, 2 existing, abandon & remove equipment	ls	job	1,500	3,000
Protective slab	sy	30	8.00	9.00
Bracing & shoring in place	sf	10,000	0.10	0.10
Test holes	ea	10	100.00	50.00
CIP, cl 150, 30"	lf	150	115.00	65.00
Cash allowance	ls	job	6,000	6,000
Work performed by FEL RR	ls	job	5,000	5,000
Ext strm sewers & MHs, relocate	ls	job	1,900	nb
Allowance for use of police	ls	job	2,000	2,000

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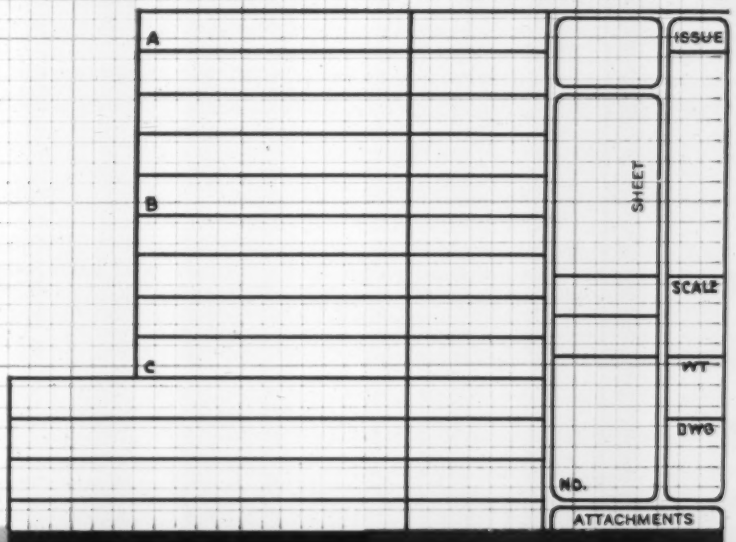

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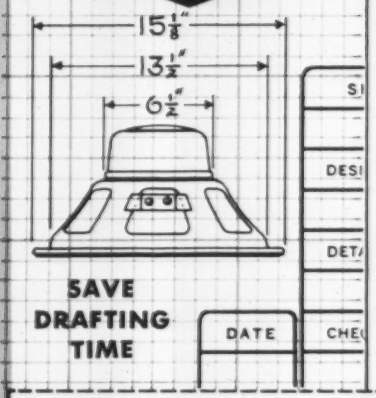

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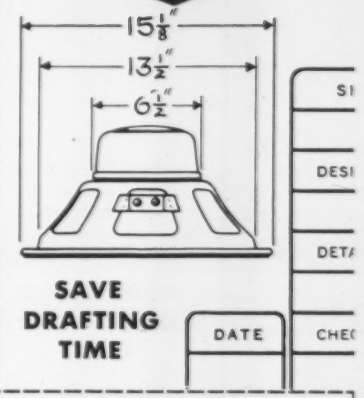

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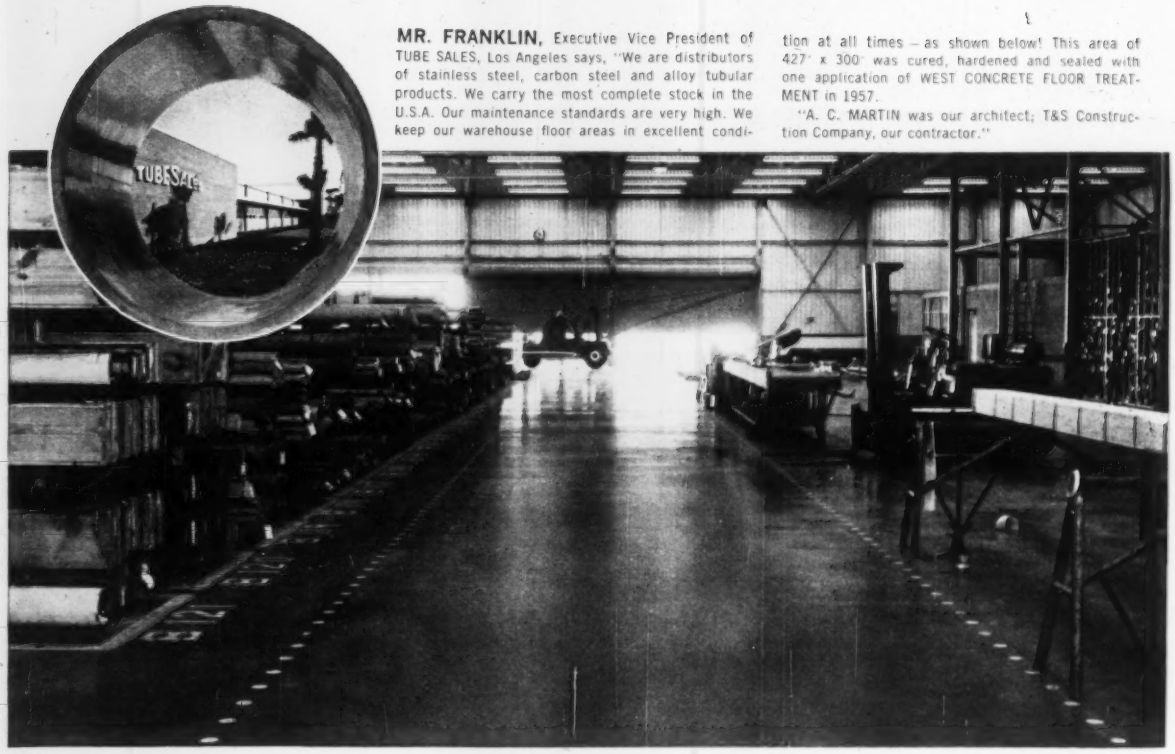

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is director of the Dept. of Public Works, Newark, and A. J. Simpson is division engineer, Div. of Water Supply.

Alternate bids on new and second-hand switches, rails, tie plates and splice bars produced the unusual result of a lower price on the new than on the second-hand materials.

The $589,860 award to Elmhurst Contracting Co., Inc., Corona, N. Y. is on the first of the alternates, using all new materials. This is $2,100 below their bid using second hand materials, and 15.7% below the engineers' estimate.

The contract includes replacement of a bridge carrying the New York, Susquehanna & Western RR over the Pequannock River south of Newfoundland, N. J., and construction of 1.5 miles of track for an interchange yard between that railroad and the Wharton & Northern RR.

Concrete is ACI Recommended Practice (ACI 613-54).

Wages prevailing on this job range from $4.10 for skilled, through $2.70 for common labor.

There were nine bids, but one was informal. The other eight included:

1AC	Elmhurst Contracting Co., Corona, N. Y.	$589,860
2A	The Forest Company, Wharton, N. J.	624,152
8	Construction Service Co., Bound Brook, N. J.	763,758
1B	Elmhurst Contracting Co., Corona, N. Y.	591,960
2B	The Forest Company, Wharton, N. J.	625,874
8	Construction Service Co., Bound Brook, N. J.	761,158

Bids: 11-4-58 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Clear & grub	ls	job	$35,000	$37,800
Excavation, earth	cy	48,030	1.00	2.10
rock	cy	30,030	3.00	3.60
Borrow	cy	1,000	1.20	2.50
Timber sht & brace, lip	Mfbm	30	100.00	100.00
Track,				
alt A new materials	lf	18,000	16.00C	13.37
B secondhand matl	lf	18,000	16.25	13.57
Crossover, #10				
alt A new materials	ls	job	5,500C	6,182
B secondhand matl	ls	job	4,500	5,774
Turnout #8				
alt A new materials	ea	3	5,000C	4,951
B secondhand matl	ea	3	4,500	4,555
Turnout #6				
alt A new materials	ea	1	4,000C	4,461
B secondhand matl	ea	1	4,100	4,119
Bumper	ea	1	300.00	311.00
Derail	ea	1	200.00	100.00
Mile post	ea	3	20.00	12.00
Road crossing	ls	job	600.00	750.00
Conc masonry	cy	150	60.00	100.00
Steel, reinforcing	lb	26,000	0.20	0.20
RR bridge, construct	ls	job	33,000	26,752
RCCP, 18" ϕ	lf	400	5.50	9.00
24"	lf	160	9.00	12.00
30"	lf	100	13.00	17.00
48"	lf	220	28.00	35.00
84"	lf	260	75.00	110.00
Paving, stone block	sy	2,000	5.50	4.00
grav base	cy	450	6.00	5.50
Cover crop seeding	sy	35,000	0.20	0.10
Railing for box culvert	ls	job	500.00	252.00

Completion schedule: 175 working days.
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Kansas City Expressway Features High Embankment

The 412,000 cu yd of earthwork compaction at 7¢ a cu yd and embankment at 60¢ a cu yd take over 83% of a $332,051 contract on the Kansas City

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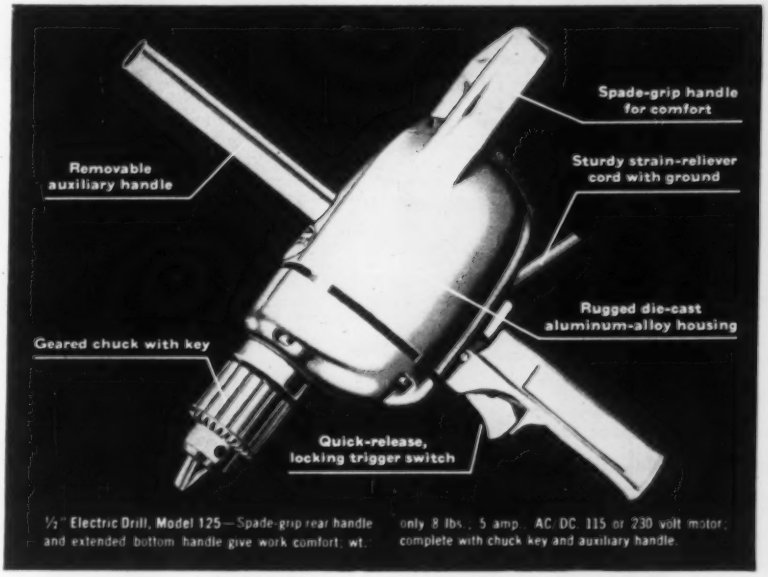
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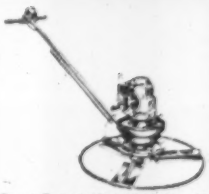

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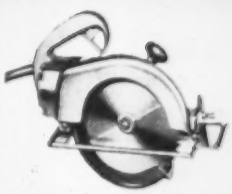
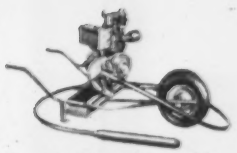


10" Electric Saw, Model 106—Rugged 13-amp. 115 or 230-volt AC/DC motor; cuts full 3⅜". Complete with blade, wrench and carrying case.



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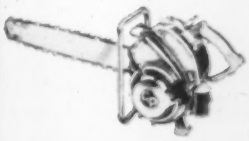

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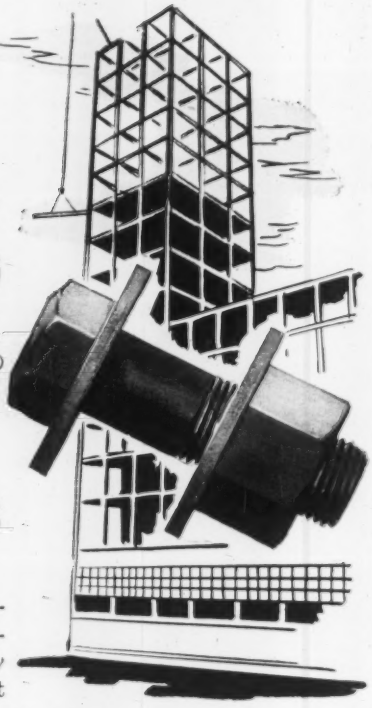

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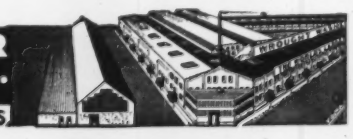


. . . Unit Prices

Expressway for Kansas City, Kansas. The award to R. G. Aldridge Construction Co., Kansas City, Kansas, was 8.3% below the engineers' estimate. Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, Kansas City, Mo. are the consultants.

Work includes 0.57 mi of grading and drainage, removal of structures and maintenance of a detour, and construction of an embankment that averages 20 ft in height.

Borrow for the embankment may be taken from within the Kansas River Harbor or from borrow pits furnished by the contractor and approved by the engineer.

The contractor must provide and maintain his own haul roads and furnish all necessary flagmen and other protection for traffic, both pedestrian and property.

Specifications require 1.50 bbl of cement per cu yd.

Minimum wages on the job will range from a high of $2.80 for skilled labor, through $2.30 for semi-skilled and $1.90 for common laborers.

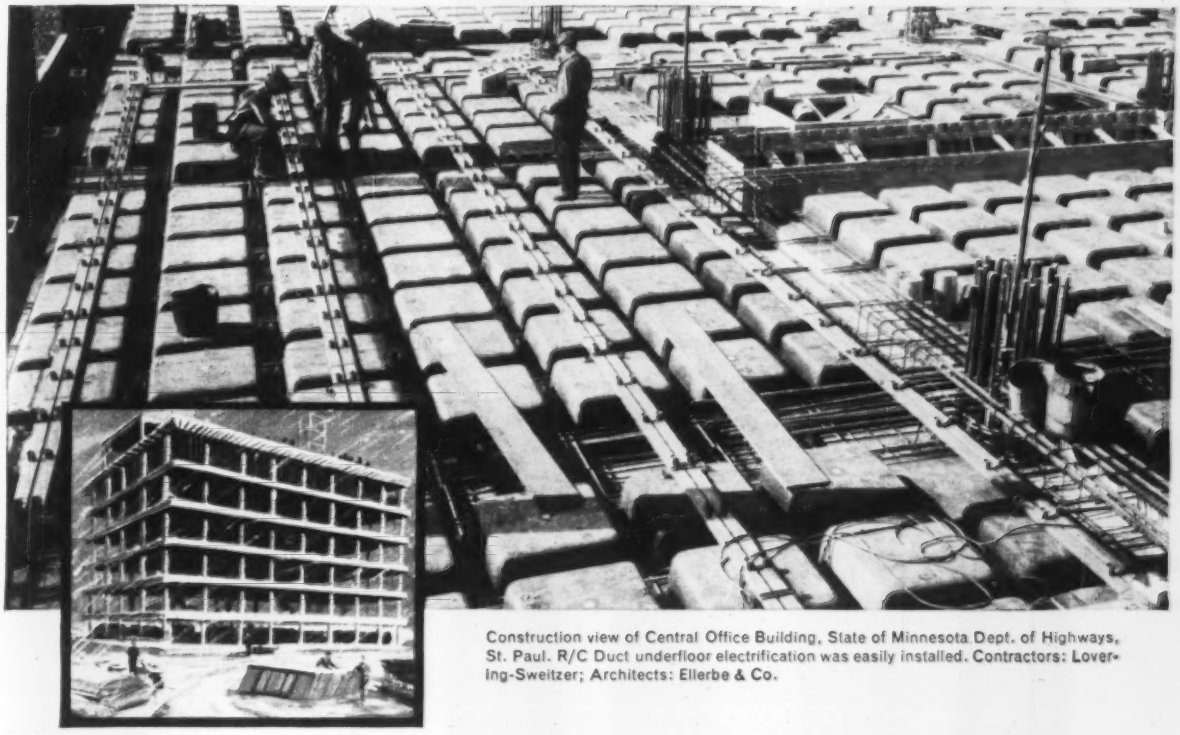
1C R. G. Aldridge, Kansas City, Kans	$332,051
2 Clarkson Constr. Co., Kansas City, Mo	376,677
7 Storms-Green Constr. Co., Kansas City, Mo.	578,154
EE Howard Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, Topeka, Kans	362,020

Bids: 10-24-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Permanent barricades	lf	25	$5.00	$7.50
Excavation, common	cy	1,000	0.30	1.00
rock	cy	200	2.00	1.50
Existing structs, remove	ea	1	1,000	8,000
Embankment	cy	412,000	0.60	0.70
Compaction of earthwork	cy	412,000	0.07	0.07
subgrades in cuts	cy	200	0.25	0.30
Water	Mgal	4,120	2.00	2.00
Detour, construct	ls	job	1,000	2,300
maintain	mo	4	250.00	112.50
Agg for subgrade modif	t	130	2.00	2.75
binder base crse (AB-3)	t	1,600	2.00	2.10
surface crse	t	1,500	5.00	6.05
Manipulation for subgrade modif, cl B	sta	4.1	50.00	22.00
of base, AB-3	t	1,600	0.75	0.70
cover material	sta	4.1	20.00	11.00
Water, AB-3 base	Mgal	11	3.00	2.20
Cover material, CM-6	t	14	6.50	6.60
Asph, cutback, prime, MC-1	gal	1,630	0.15	0.16
tack, RC-1	gal	460	0.16	0.16
seal, RC-4	gal	190	0.20	0.16
cement, AC-4	gal	28,000	0.13	0.13
CMP, 14 ga, 18"	lf	254	6.00	6.75
24"	lf	247	7.25	8.50
12 ga, 24"	lf	240	9.60	10.50
Culv pipe, metal arch, 14 ga 22"x13"	lf	141	6.50	11.00
29"x18"	lf	70	8.50	17.75
18" RC	lf	80	5.00	7.15
36" RC	lf	106	12.50	13.75
Sewer pipe, 30" RC	lf	267	10.50	10.50
Metal end sections, 18"	ea	2	40.00	45.00
Concrete ditch lining	sy	50	6.00	8.30
Sodding	sy	900	0.60	0.55
Inlet box, drop, 4'x4'	ea	7	300.00	360.00
Manhole, standard, 4' dia	ea	7	650.00	335.00
Additional insurance	ls	job	5,000	200.00

Commence: 11-4-57. Complete: 6-7-58
Liquidated damages: $500 cal day

Know-How on Dumped Rip Rap Wins Contract

The call for alternate bids on embankment paving on Akron's Bridge Creek Dam produced a low of $5.95 per cu yd for 36 in. dumped stone rip rap. This took the contract for Acme Construction Co., Solon, Ohio, from competing bids on this alternate rang-



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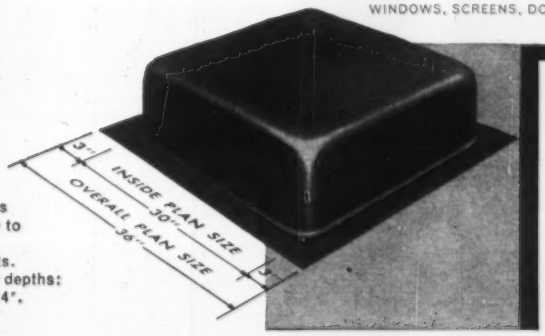

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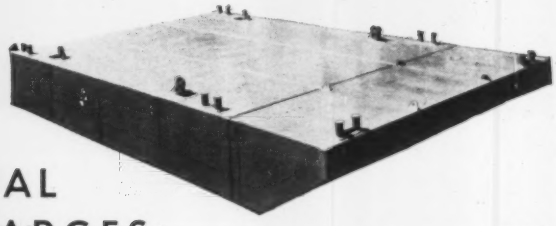

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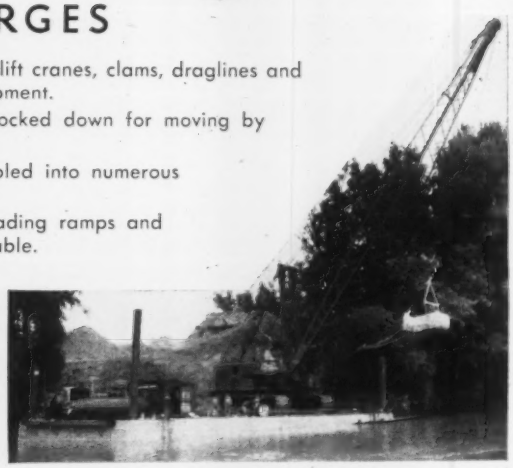

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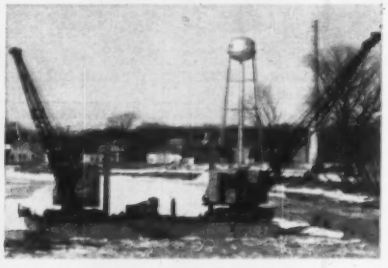

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ing from $9.00 to $43.20 per cu yd. Lowest price on hand placed 18 in. stone was $6.40 per sq yd and on 8 in. concrete slope paving, $24 per cu yd. In total dollars, the three lowest alternates accounted for $223,720 for the dumped stone rip rap on a $1,617,974 contract, $240,000 for 18 in. hand placed stone paving on a $1,803,247 bid, and $210,000 for the 8 in. concrete on a $1,725,450 bid.

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The contractor supplies all the materials. Suitable fill for the earth dam is available on adjacent higher ground.

Structural concrete is 3,500 psi, with minimum cement content of 1.5 bbl per cu yd.

Wages paid on this job include: Tractor operators, $3.49; shovel and crane operators, $3.74; concrete workers, $2.915; carpenters, $3.655; common labor, $2.915.

The bidding on this project went like this:

1AC	Acme Constr. Co., Solon, Ohio	$1,617,974
1B		1,621,754
1base	S. J. Groves & Sons Co., Minneapolis, Minn	1,803,247
2B	Robt. B. Ritter, Wharton, N. J	1,703,378
2A	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co., Cleveland, Ohio	1,910,532
2base	Robt. B. Ritter, Wharton, N. J	2,067,128
11A	E. J. Albrecht Co., Chicago, Ill	4,631,510
11base		4,769,690
12B		3,427,190
EEB	Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall & Mac-	2,051,000
EEbase	Donald, New York City	2,207,850
EEA		2,208,885

Bids: 12-2-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	1 base
Water diversion dur constr.	ls	job	$16,240	$25,200
Clearing	ac	85	200.00	250.00
Grubbing	ac	35	50.00	300.00
Stripping	cy	45,000	0.22	0.50
Excavation, struct	cy	57,000	0.52	0.85
channel	cy	68,000	0.47	0.75
trench	cy	1,400	2.50	4.50
borrow	cy	440,000	0.47	0.45
wasted	cy	60,000	0.43	0.20
Embankment, rolled, cl A	cy	290,000	0.14	0.20
B	cy	112,000	0.10	0.40
Compaction, add, roll	100sf	1,000,000	0.01	0.01
Auger borings	lf	1,800	1.50	1.00
Sand drain & filter mat	cy	24,000	3.75	3.25
Screened grav backing & filter material	cy	20,000	4.95	6.50

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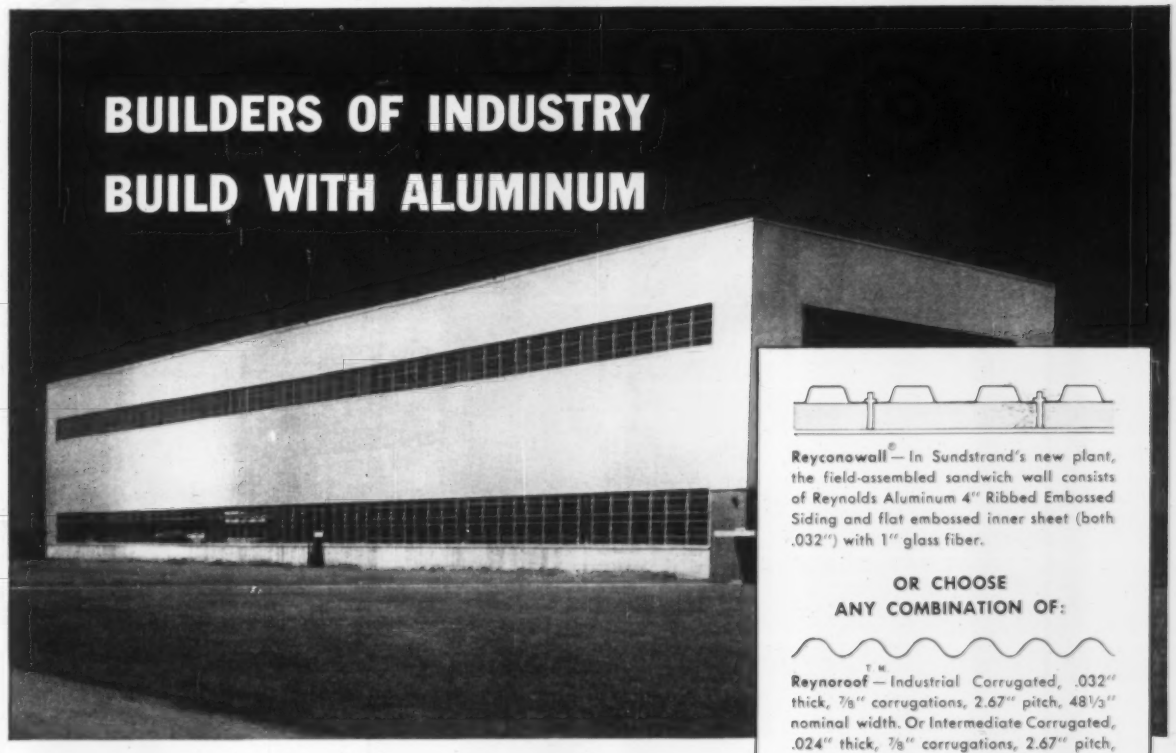

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Bids: 12-2-57

Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	Unit Prices 1 base
Embank, pav, stone slope, 18"	sy	37,500	30.00	6.40
Alt A riprap, 36"	cy	37,600	5.95C	9.50
Alt B concrete 8"	cy	8,750	26.00	35.00
Pav in channels, stone, 18"	sy	950	24.00	7.50
12"	sy	3,500	17.00	6.00
gutters 8"	sy	3,800	12.75	5.50
Rockfill	cy	10,500	6.50	8.50
Guard posts, timber	ea	32	10.00	12.00
Topsoil	cy	12,400	0.80	1.50
Seeding	ac	11	650.00	650.00
Piling, steel sheet	sf	18,000	4.47	4.67
Conc masonry, fndn slabs	cy	4,800	29.10	52.00
struct	cy	1,430	72.00	52.00
weir	cy	990	39.10	52.00
refill	cy	20	42.00	130.00
Rubber waterstop, tp A	lf	1,580	3.00	4.60
B	lf	300	5.00	7.90
Steel reinforcing	lb	540,000	0.13	0.17
Access bridge	ls	job	1,840	3,200
Railing, pipe	ls	job	1,210	3,200
Steel racks	ls	job	2,160	2,900
Stop plank grooves, CI	ls	job	5,170	8,200
lifting beam	ls	job	443.00	600.00
WIP in spillway weir	ls	job	1,460	1,600
Settlement gage	ls	job	1,630	800.00
Metals, misc	ls	job	2,015	2,300
Alum frame & covers, gate house floor	ls	job	3,420	3,400
misc	ls	job	2,337	2,200
Stop planks	ls	job	2,470	1,900
Underdrain piping, chute & stilling basin	ls	job	8,050	13,000
Hoist, 2 ton	ls	job	2,100	2,700
Sluice gate, 48"	ls	job	3,100	5,000
Outlet pipe, 48"	ls	job	8,470	15,000
Venturi meter	ls	job	22,645	26,000
Contr valve, motor operated	ls	job	2,420	8,000
Water level indicator & recorder	ls	job	2,420	4,000
Sump pump & piping	ls	job	500.00	1,000
Gate house superstructure	ls	job	10,675	11,000
Painting, finish	ls	job	550.00	1,700

Commence: 2-1-58. Complete: 10-31-59
Liquidated damages: $100/cal day

Michigan Bridge

Double-deck bridge will have vertical lift span

This 1,310 ft double-deck bridge over the Portage Canal, between Houghton and Hancock, Mich., for the State Highway Department, will have eight deck-girder spans, a 260 ft vertical lift span and two 120 ft deck-truss anchor spans. It will cost $10,008,888. Hazelet & Erdal, Lansing, Mich., are the consulting engineers.

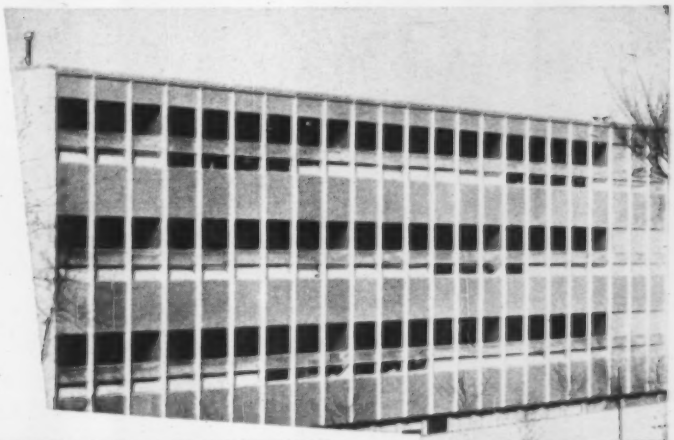
The approaches and substructure went to Al Johnson Construction Co., Minneapolis, Minn., for $4,075,000, 32.5% of which is for three sand island caissons for piers 4, 5 and 6.

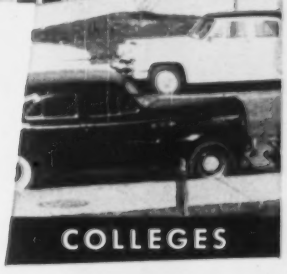
The superstructure contract to American Bridge Division, U. S. Steel Corp., is for $5,933,888. Of this, 69% represents the cost of 11,744,050 lb of structural steel at 25.44¢ to 41.2¢.

The upper deck will carry highway traffic on two 26 ft roadways, with a 4 ft median strip and two 5 ft sidewalks.

The lower deck of the anchor spans will carry the railroad trains. They will use a single track across the lift span and then separate on the anchor spans, the tracks forming Y's at each end of the bridge.

The length of each railroad bridge, including the portion carried on the lift and the anchor span, is about 870 ft. Besides carrying tracks, the lower span is surfaced with two 26 ft roadways





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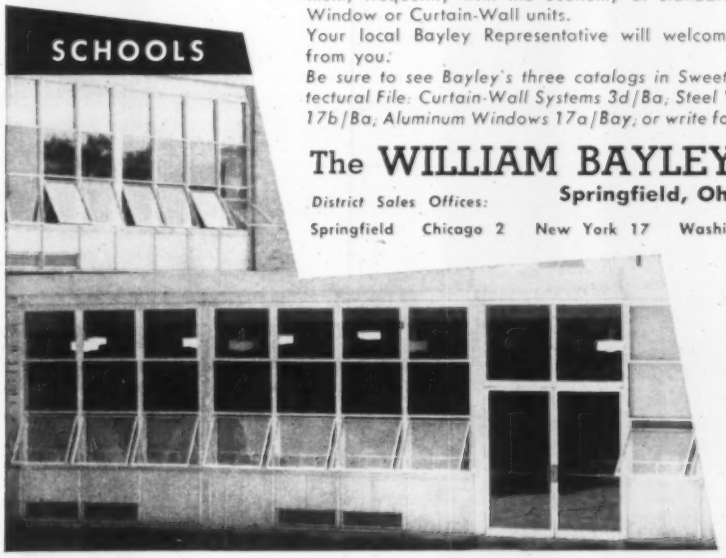

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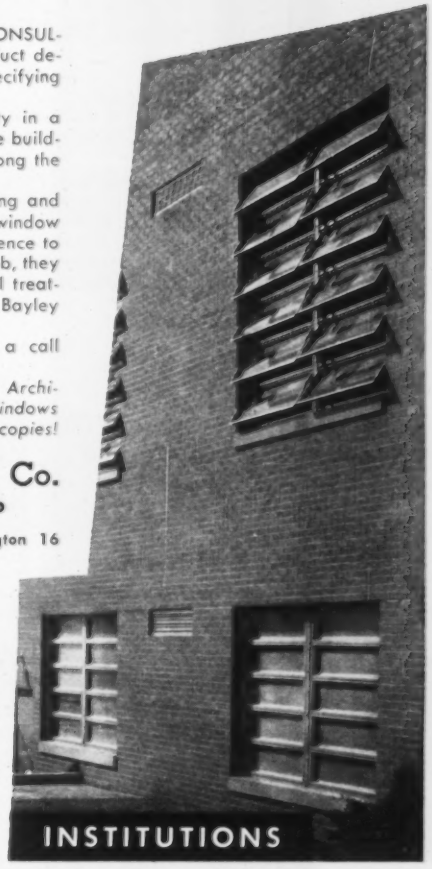

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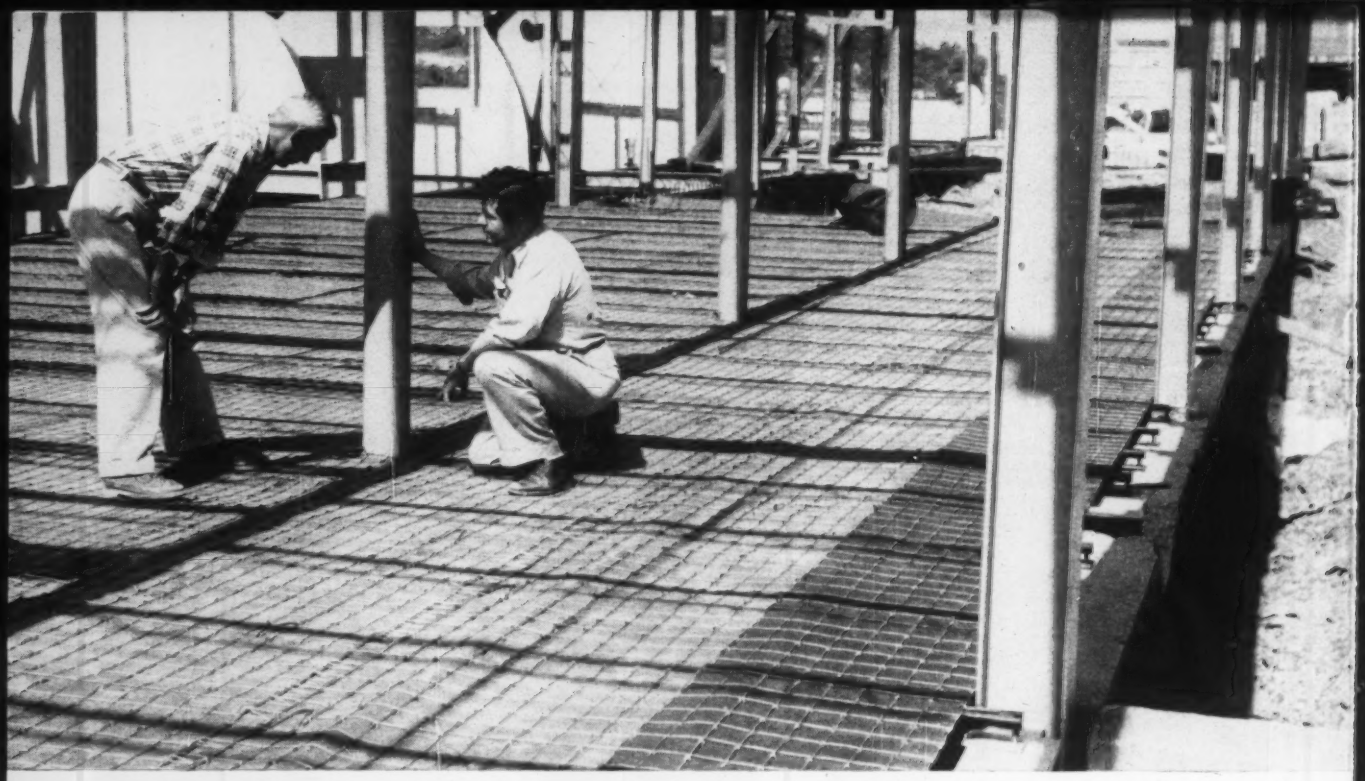

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12-Point Comparison Proves

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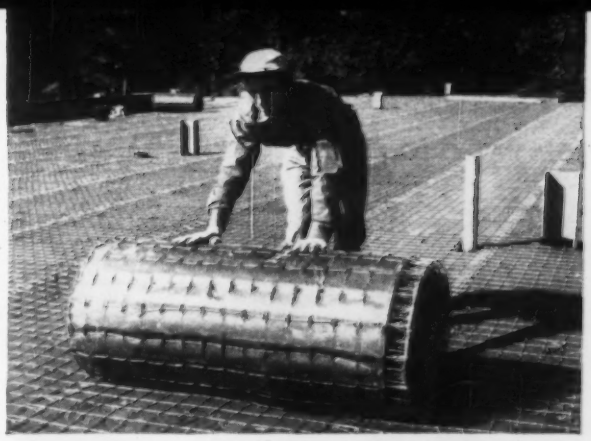
Here, at right, are 12 critical points of comparison which show why these men choose Steeltex over other centering materials.

12-Point Comparison

	Steeltex	Sheet Material
Engineering		
(1) Lateral restraint of top chord of joists	Yes	Not assured
(2) Positive reinforcement	Yes	No
(3) Galvanized	Yes	Extra Charge
(4) Continuous reinforcement	Yes	Only by adding mesh
Cost		
(5) Packaging	No charge	Extra bundling and packing charges
(6) Accessories	No charge	Extra clip and washer charges
(7) Lap	Side lap only	Side and end lap
(8) Additional reinforcing	None required	Additional mesh, 10 to 4 gage
(9) Additional reinforcement placing cost	None	Yes
Contractor		
(10) Material	One roll size spans different joist spacings	Many sheet sizes
(11) Weight handling	36# per 100 sq. ft.	⅜ HyRib Pl 44# ¼ HyRib Pl 60# Corrugated 76# Corrugated Galv. 84#
(12) Faster coverage	Rolls 4 x 125 ft.	Sheets 25 to 28½ inches 6 ft. to 16 ft. 3 inches



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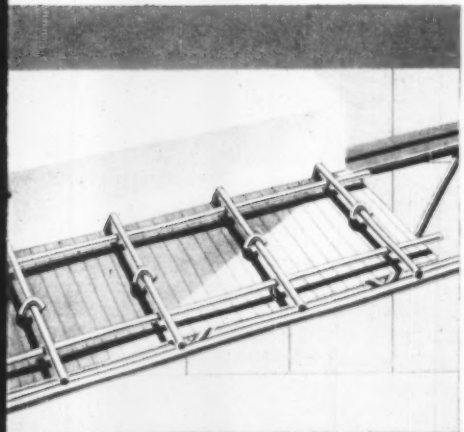

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Product A, with concrete fill	32
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Walk-through tunnel with magnesia insulation on lines	120

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to match the upper deck. The lift span is so constructed that when it is not necessary to accommodate railroad traffic, the bridge can be lifted to an intermediate position, where highway traffic can be carried on the lower deck of the lift span. This provides vertical clearance for navigation of 31 ft 6 in. above extreme high water. In raised position, the bridge provides for vertical clearance of 100 ft above extreme high water.

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Substructure units for the north approach of the bridge are founded on steel H-piles driven through rock. The south approach spans are founded on rock.

Wages prevailing on the job include: Carpenters, $2.85; shovel and crane operators, $3.125; common labor, $1.975, all including fringe benefits; concrete finishers, $2.90. Structural iron workers are paid $3.30 an hour; in addition to which anyone living more than 35 miles from the job site is paid 7¢ a mile from his home to the job when hired, and the same amount back home when he is discharged or when the job is completed. He is also paid $21 a week subsistance while on the job.

The contractors furnish all materials except 14 in. steel H-piles. Materials can be transported by rail, truck or water.

Here are the bids for the substructure and approaches:

1C Al Johnson Constr. Co., Minneapolis, Minn	$4,075,000
2 L. W. Lamb Co. & Johnson-Greene Co., Holland and Ann Arbor, Mich	4,304,634
3 Dravo Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa	4,676,425
EE Michigan State Highway Dept. & Hazelet & Erdal, Consulting Engineers, Lansing	4,200,299

Bids: 9-25-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Clearing	ac	0.2	$250.00	$300.00
Grubbing	sy	26	2.00	3.00
Removing				
trees, 8-10" dia	ea	1	20.00	40.00
old pavement	sy	1,338	0.90	1.00
masonry & concrete	cy	83	8.00	15.00
sidewalk	sy	873	0.40	1.00
curb & gutter	lf	1,206	0.80	0.90
curb	lf	198	0.60	0.70
catch basin	ea	2	40.00	50.00
Excavation, earth	cy	5,757	1.00	1.00
rock	cy	177	8.00	10.00
Backfill, porous, grade B	cy	9	3.00	4.00
sand-gravel, LM	cy	83	2.00	3.00
Concrete, grade A	cy	3	60.00	65.00
headers, grade A	cy	21	40.00	65.00
Cement	bbl	37	6.50	6.00
Steel reinforcement	lb	2,154	0.15	0.16
Expansion hook bolts, ¾"	ea	34	3.50	7.00
Culvert, cl B, ext str, 18"	lf	64	7.00	8.50
Sewer, up to 10' depth, 12"	lf	691	5.50	8.00
15"	lf	219	6.00	9.00
18"	lf	332	6.50	9.00
with open joints, 6"	lf	86	1.75	3.00
Manhole, up to 10' depth, 1A	ea	3	300.00	350.00
Catch basin, up to 10', 3B	ea	4	350.00	350.00
3D	ea	3	350.00	350.00
3E	ea	2	350.00	350.00
6B	ea	4	275.00	300.00
6D	ea	2	275.00	300.00

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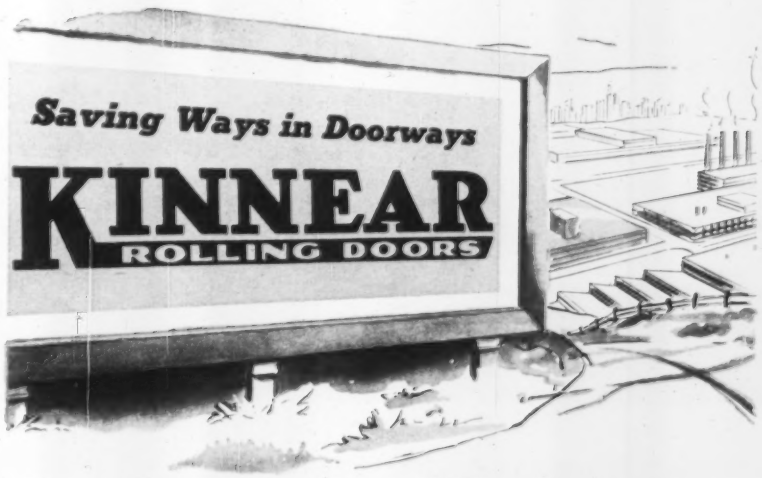

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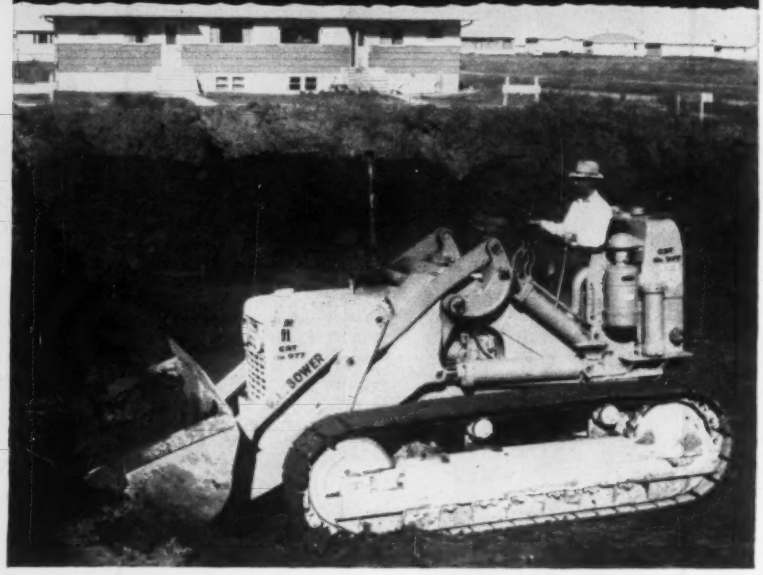

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5D	ea	1	200 00	250 00
Covers, A	ea	1	70 00	50 00
Manhole covers, adjust	ea	1	50 00	50 00
Water shutoffs, adjust	ea	4	25 00	50 00
Manholes, reconstruct	ea	4	140 00	200 00
Catch basins, reconstruct	ea	3	140 00	150 00
abandon	ea	2	40 00	50 00
Concrete curb, detail 1	lf	301	$2 60	$2 50
2	lf	1,618	2 20	2 25
gutter	lf	30	4 80	3 00
curb & gutter, 7A	lf	162	5 10	3 50
mod 7A	lf	199	4 90	3 50
driveway return, 15	lf	123	4 80	4 00
pavement, 8" uniform	sy	270	8 00	7 00
base crse, 8" uniform	sy	4,885	6 50	6 00
Pavement reinforcement	sy	5,155	0 70	0 75
Bituminous leveling course	t	289	25 00	18 00
bond coat AE-2	gal	819	0 50	0 45
concrete wearing crse	t	289	25 00	18 00
Aggregate base course	t	404	3 00	3 00
Topsoil surface, LM	cy	20	3 00	1 50
Calcium chloride admixed	t	4	70 00	75 00
Concrete sidewalk, 4"	sf	9,733	0 55	0 50
special	cy	31	40 00	50 00
Bituminous approach mixture	t	14	20 00	18 00
Aggregate shoulders	cy	25	4 00	4 00
Water for wetting (Mgal)	unit	3	10 00	10 00
Steel beam guard rail	lf	179	4 00	1 25
Guard posts	ea	12	4 00	6 00
salvaged	ea	7	2 50	1 00
Sodding, class B	sy	2,076	0 50	0 70
Concrete right of way marker	ea	13	20 00	15 00
Part-width construction	stas	16	80 00	200 00
Final trimming & cleanup	stas	15	20 00	30 00
Mulching	t	2	50 00	60 00
Pipe railing, 2½"	lf	145	4 00	12 00
Grouted flagstone paving	sy	285	2 50	8 00
Subbase, selected	cy	409	4 00	4 00
Fire hydrant, relocate	ea	2	250 00	300 00
Abandoned service conn, plug	ea	1	20 00	25 00
Existing bridge, remove	ls	job	280,000	222,500
Excavation, dry	cy	2,471	6 00	8 00
wet	cy	2,826	7 00	20 00
rock	cy	255	62 00	60 00
Caisson, pier 4	ls	job	315,000	362,000
5	ls	job	433,000	530,000
6	ls	job	577,426	617,000
Cofferdam, pier 3	ls	job	190,000	120,000
Piles, steel, driven	lf	8,150	2 00	3 00
splices	ea	66	115 00	60 00
cutoff	ea	160	5 50	10 00
Piles, treated timber f	lf	41,440	2 50	2 00
dr	lf	40,404	1 50	1 00
cutoff	ea	518	5 00	4 00
Fenders, treated timber	mbm	3 6	1,200	700 00
Piling, stl sht, left in pl	sf	2,777	4 00	3 50
Concrete, Tremie	cy	3,955	22 00	70 00
substructure, grade A (6A)	cy	2,261	169 00	115 00
(6B)	cy	1,581	57 00	95 00
superstruct, grade A (6A)	cy	2,147	77 00	100 00
Cement	bbl	31,960	6 35	6 00
Steel reinforcement	lb	981,857	0 165	0 16
Substruct conc, heat & house	cy	3,320 3	1 40	20 00
Backfill, sand-gravel, LM	cy	6,997	7 00	3 50
Joint filler, 1"	sf	234	1 35	1 50
½"	sf	17	1 30	1 40
¼"	sf	53	1 00	1 30
waterproofing	sf	1,385	1 60	1 50
Rubbed surface finish	sf	29,587	0 43	0 55
Drain casting, assembly, tp 1	ea	24	65 00	45 00
2	ea	84	65 00	60 00
3	ea	12	130 00	110 00
4	ea	12	60 00	50 00
5	ea	12	70 00	55 00
Rock fill	cy	148	9 75	6 00
Roadway drainage, misc	lb	30,930	1 10	1 20
Handhole frame & cover, tp A	ea	19	64 00	60 00
B	ea	5	88 00	70 00
Structural tile, 12"x12"x6"	ea	5,833	0 87	0 50
Anchor bolts, cadmium plated	lb	130	3 20	4 00
Copper	lb	2,512	4 75	2 30
Rubber type filler, hot-poured	lf	326	3 95	3 00
Bridge railing fabr, erect & paint	lf	3,285	30 00	22 00
Splash plates, erection spans 1 to 5 & 7 to 11, incl	lb	55,700	0 14	0 11
Railway deck waterproofing	sf	14,473	5 10	3 70
drains	lf	1,884	7 50	4 50
Track ballast	cy	372	7 00	7 00
Ties, rails & accessories i	ls	job	8,550	6,500
Blowoff line, 4" & sewer, 6", relocate	ls	job	7,100	4,700
Operator's & generator house, misc	ls	job	22,950	26,900
house plumbing	ls	job	7,200	7,800

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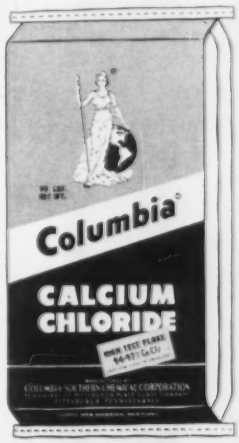

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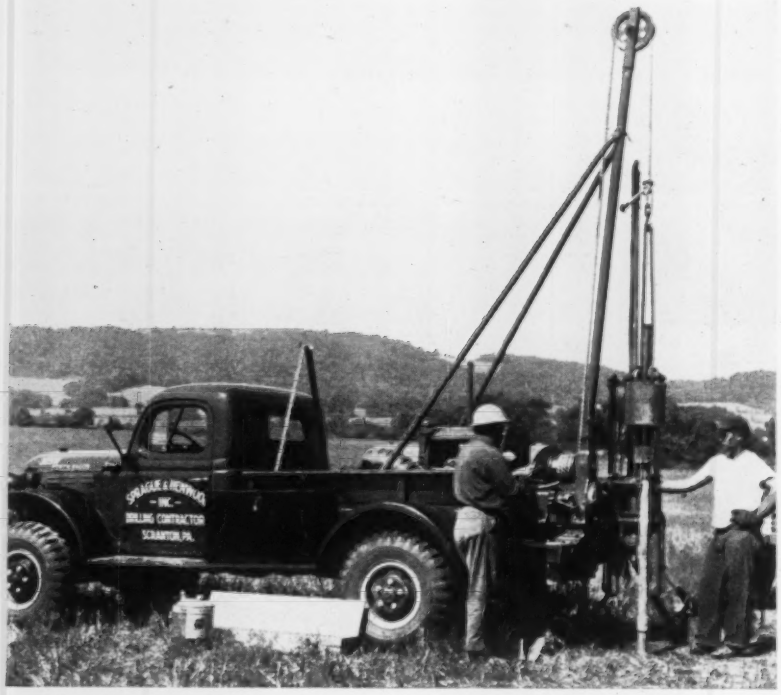

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Bids: 9-25-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1 C	2
Bri elec wk, fiber cond, 4"	lf	703	1.00	1.20
2"	lf	1,040	0.80	1.00
Motors & brakes	ls	job	35,630	36,146
Switch boards, contr desk & equipment	ls	job	48,045	49,988
Limit switches, speed gov & Selsyn trans	ls	job	19,262	21,534
Traffic lts, gate aviation obstr lt & navig. sigs	ls	job	15,687	16,810
Liftspan roadway lighting	ls	job	3,867	3,968
Conduit, wiring & serv ltg	ls	job	22,929	22,807
Power cable, contr cable & term cabinets	ls	job	29,561	32,781
Highway approach ltg	ls	job	18,602	24,166
Gaso eng driven gener unit	ls	job	12,950	13,504
Tower manlifts	ls	job	32,420	24,382
Railway signal system	ls	job	127,728	146,718
Field painting	ls	job	68,500	76,250

The bidding on the structural steel contract went like this:

1C American Bridge Div., U. S. Steel Corp., Detroit, Mich	$5,933,888
2 Allied Structural Steel Companies, Chicago, Ill	6,101,306
3 Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa	6,205,507
EE Michigan State Highway Dept. & Hazelet & Erdal, Consulting Engineers, Lansing	1,200,299

Bids: 5-23-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Structural carbon steel spans 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 & 11 f&e	lb	2,396,530	$0.2541	$0.28
5, 6 & 7 f&e	lb	7,724,100	0.3785	0.39
Structural low alloy steel spans 5, 6 & 7 f&e	lb	639,780	0.412	0.42
Structural carbon steel, spans 1R to 6R (E&W) incl f&e	lb	983,640	0.3005	0.32
RR floor plates, spans 5 & 7 f&e	lb	129,600	0.3082	0.32
1R to 6R (E&W) incl f&e	lb	342,750	0.349	0.35
Stl castings, high str	lb	98,100	0.782	0.75
Structural castings	lb	102,290	0.7215	0.65
Misc rail access & work	ls	job	18,145	16,500
Roadway floor, open grid, 5"	sf	12,760	7.00	7.50
Conc filled grid floor, 4½"	sf	15,230	6.21	6.00
tee grid sidewalk floor, 2"	sf	9,040	6.24	6.00
Splash plates, spans 1 to 5 & 7 to 11, incl f&f	lb	55,700	0.42	0.35
Counterw rope sheaves	lb	394,260	$0.865	0.90
ropes & sockets	ls	job	124,500	110,000
Balancing chains	lb	157,800	0.462	0.50
Machinery	lb	183,300	1.29	1.50
special	ls	job	342,830	325,000
Counterw, billet steel	lb	342,700	0.134	0.10
conc, Cl A (6A)	cy	864	90.00	80.00
Cement	bbl	1,549	5.25	5.50

Completion scheduled: 12-15-59

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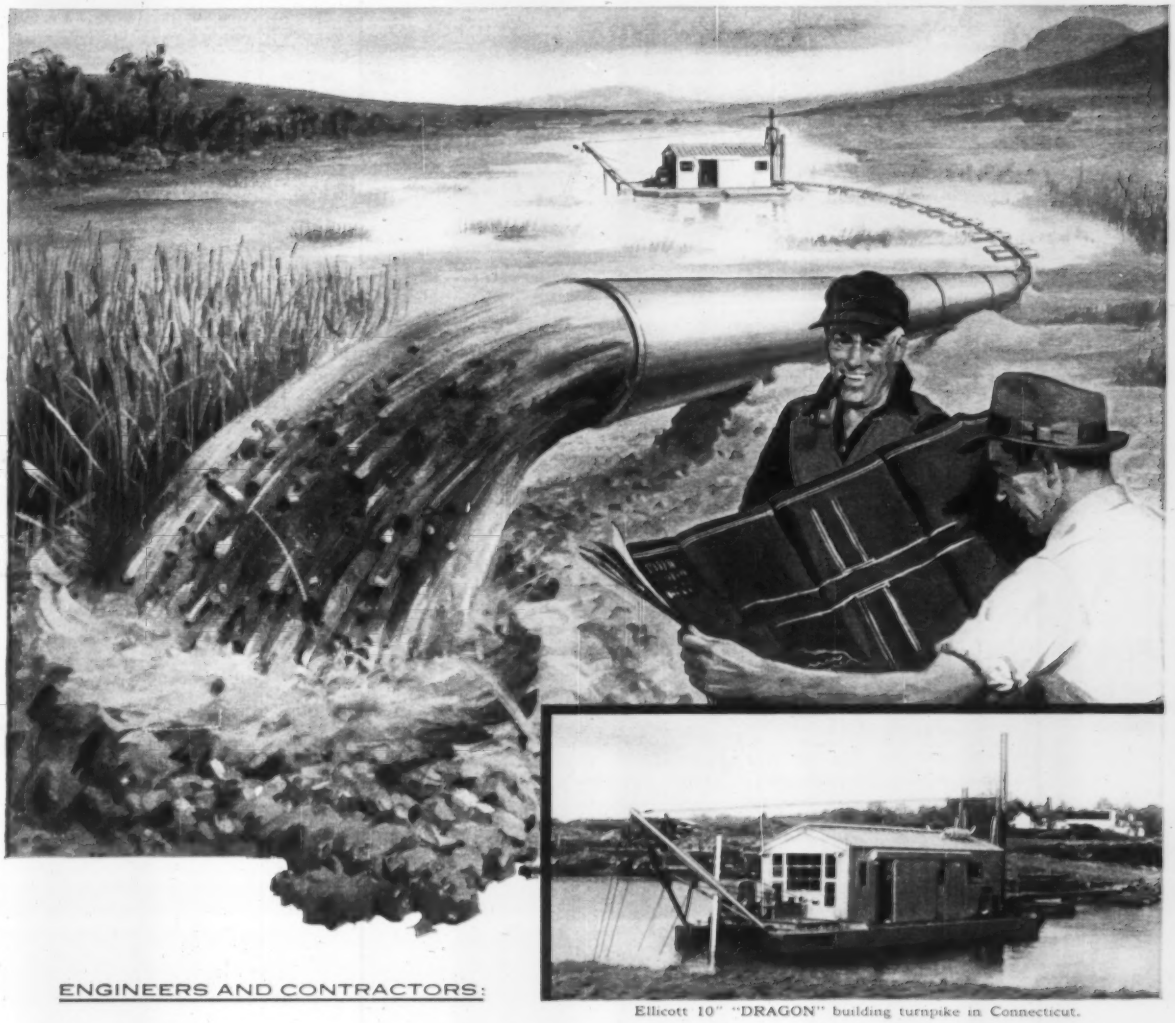
Alaskan Highway

Contract permits winter suspension of project

Borrow at $1.25 and overhaul at 45 cents a cu yd, amount to over one-fourth of this job, which also includes Class A concrete at $160 a yd, Class S concrete at $320 per yd, and structural steel at 40-43 cents lb. This $399,377 award to Cole and Paddock, Juneau, Alaska, by the Bureau of Public Works at Juneau, is for two concrete and structural steel bridges and 0.950 mi of C-0011 grading on an extension of the Glacier Highway in Tongass Forest, Alaska.

The Herbert River Bridge is 140 ft long and the Eagle River Bridge 210 ft long, each with a 24 ft roadway.

The contractor may request an order to suspend work for the winter, which



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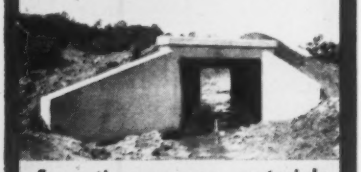

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will be furnished by E. H. Swick, Regional Engineer for the Bureau of Public Works, when no more work can be accomplished during 1958. No contract time for performance will be charged between the date of the suspension order and the order to resume work in 1959.

The Eagle River flows past the borrow pit, and the contractor must operate with minimum interference to migrating salmon on their way to the spawning areas, and must keep the river clear of silt on spawning beds in the area.

The contractor furnishes all materials, and must provide an office for the engineer, without cost, for the duration of the work. When he furnishes equipment for force account work, he will be paid these rates:

Type of Equipment	Rate per Hour (incl fuel, lubricants & repairs)
Crane or shovel, ¾ cu yd	$28.38
Crane, 25 ton	35.00
Tractor caterpillar, D4 w dozer	10.60
D6 w dozer	17.85
D7 w dozer	20.06
D8 w dozer	21.58
Motor patrol, No. 12	13.66
Winch truck, 5 ton	9.87
Flatbed truck	7.48
Pickup truck	2.55
Dump truck, 4 cu yd	7.14
6 cu yd	10.45
Compressor, 125 cu yd	4.56
210 cu yd	6.08
500 cu yd	12.03
Welder, 300 amp	3.96
Pile driver hammer with leads, 3000-	1.50
5000-	1.75
Truck w lowboy trailer	28.48
Concrete mixer, ½ cu yd	4.75

Timber is untreated Sitka spruce, construction grade or better, or Douglas fir 1750f dense construction grade or better, or other species of timber approved by the engineer.

All structural steel rods, plates and bars shall be ASTM A373. Class A structural concrete requires 6.5 sacks of cement per cu yd, 4-7% entrained air, and Class S, non-vibrated, takes 7.0 sacks of cement, 3-6% entrained air. Air content shall be determined by AASHO T 152 or T 121.

Minimum wages set for this job include: tenders, carpenters, $3.52; concrete workers, $3.62; bulldozer operators, $4.10; steel erection power machine operators, $4.27; scrapers; $4.27; shovel operators, 3 yd and under, $4.52, over 3 yd, $4.84; dump truck operators up to and incl 5 yd, $3.65, 5 to 12 yd, incl, $3.87; general labor, $3.52.

The bidding went like this:

1C	Cole & Paddock, Juneau, Alaska	$399,377
2	Nygren Constr. Co., Seattle, Wash	446,578
4	Morrison Knudsen Co., Anchorage, Alaska	575,944

Scheduled 1: Herbert River Bridge

Bids: 12-20-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1 C	2
Extra & misc work	ls	job	$2,000	$2,000
Excavation, structural	cy	155	6 00	50 00
Struct stl piles, 10BP42	f lf	1,080	6 50	8 00
	dr ea	36	300 00	300 00

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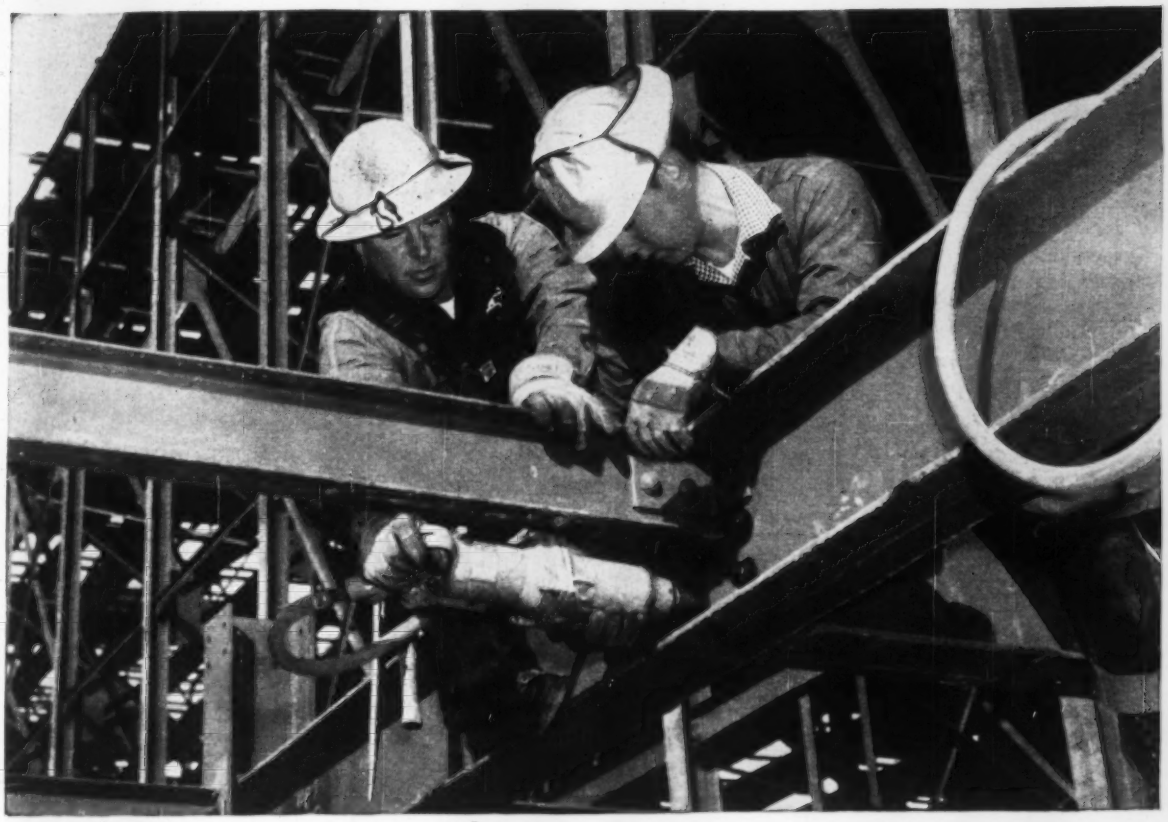

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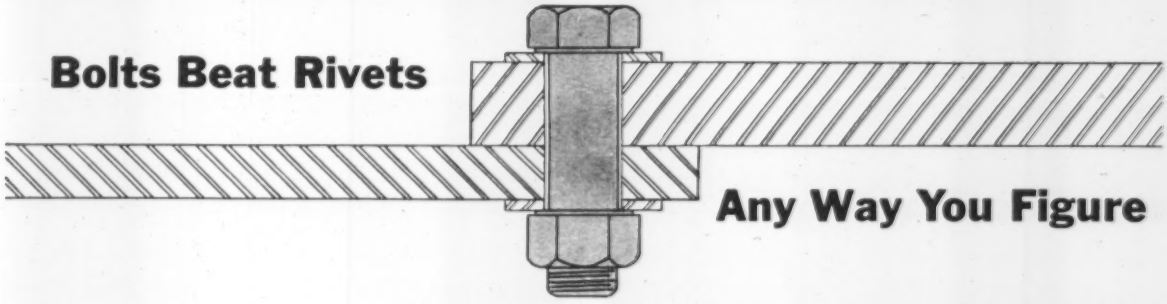

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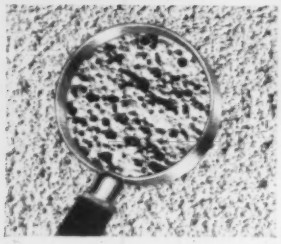

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Bids: 12-20-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Splices	ea	5	50.00	100.00
Pile core stoppers	ea	32	50.00	100.00
Conc, Class A	cy	225.5	160.00	200.00
Stl, reinf, intermediate gr	lb	27,900	0.23	0.30
structural, A-373	lb	27,160	0.40	0.45
A-242	lb	57,090	0.41	0.45
Dismantle existing bridge	ls	job	8,000	3,000
Riprap, loose rock	cy	180	15.00	20.00
Guideposts	ea	4	30.00	20.00

Schedule 2—FHP 2-0

Extra & misc work	ls	job	1,000	1,000
Clearing & grubbing	ac	8.6	2,000	2,000
Excavation unclassified	cy	1,000	3.50	3.00
borrow, Case 1	cy	71,000	1.25	1.25
structural	cy	225	10.00	10.00
Overhaul	stav	2,000	0.04	0.05
of borrow, Case 1	ym	43,000	0.45	0.50
CMP, asbestos bonded, 18"	lf	380	8.00	10.00
24"	lf	318	10.50	20.00
Bit ctd struct plate pipe arch	lf	62	75.00	60.00

Schedule 3—Eagle River Bridge

Extra & misc work	ls	job	3,000	3,000
Excavation, structural	cy	225	10.00	50.00
Piles, timber, untreated f	lf	675	1.00	3.00
struct stl, 10BP42 f	lf	760	6.50	8.00
timber, untreated dr	ea	27	300.00	200.00
struct stl, 10BP42 dr	ea	20	150.00	300.00
Splices	ea	2	50.00	100.00
Pile core stoppers	ea	16	150.00	100.00
Concrete, Class A	cy	240.8	160.00	200.00
S	cy	21.3	320.00	150.00
Stl, reinf, intermediate gr	lb	41,220	0.23	0.30
structural, A-373	lb	41,700	0.43	0.45
structural	lb	107,165	0.42	0.45
Guideposts	ea	4	30.00	20.00

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Wages prevailing in the Chicago area include: Carpenters, $3.65; tractor operators, including bulldozers, $3.25-$3.35; common laborers, $2.85, all including fringe benefits.

Here is how the bidding went:

1C	Kenny Construction Co., Skokie, Ill	$1,536,850
2	Santucci Constr. Co., Skokie, Ill	1,584,180
5	Anthony Pontarelli & Son, Franklin Park	2,176,300
EE	Metropolitan Sanitary District, Chicago	1,844,000

Bids: 10-24-57 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Sewer in tunnel, 5'3", internal width	lf	12,700	$86.50	$91.00
River xing in tunnel	lf	240	100.00	130.00
Sewer, 24"ø	lf	100	35.00	29.00
Junct chambers	ea	3	3,000	5,500
Gate chamber	ls	job	25,000	10,000
Treatment works, abandon	ls	job	10,000	12,000
Manhole, drop	lf	400	110.00	100.00
offset base	ea	4	750.00	1,000
standard	lf	500	25.00	36.00
drop pipe	lf	300	15.00	22.00
Reinforcement bars	lb	1,200,000	0.13	0.12
Steel ribs	lb	800,000	0.14	0.10
Iron castings & misc met	lb	26,000	0.30	0.28
Concrete bulkheads	cy	10	50.00	60.00
remove	cy	10	150.00	40.00
Timber bulkheads	Mfbm	5	150.00	120.00
remove	Mfbm	5	30.00	60.00
Exc, rock	cy	500	20.00	20.00
add earth in tunnel	cy	100	10.00	10.00
open cut	cy	100	5.00	5.00
Conc, cl R, add in tunnel	cy	100	24.00	24.00
in open cut	cy	100	22.00	22.00
F, additional	cy	400	20.00	20.00

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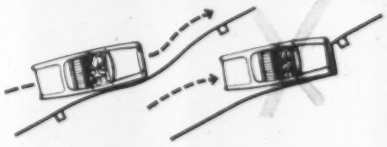

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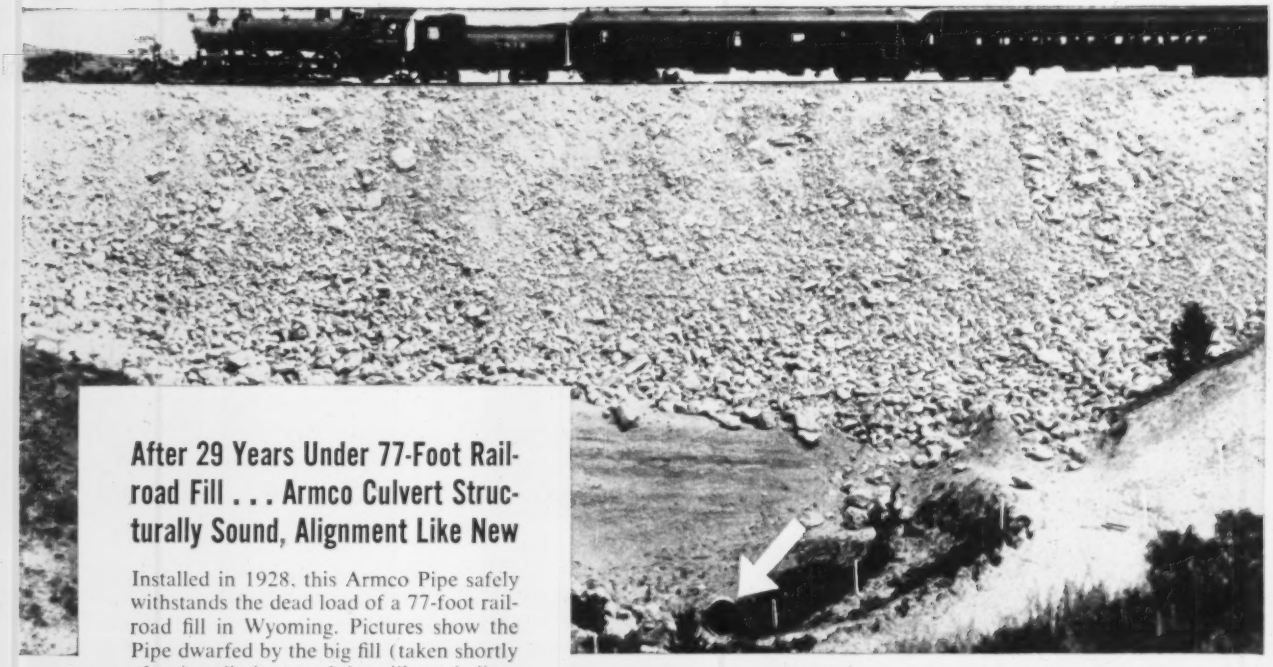

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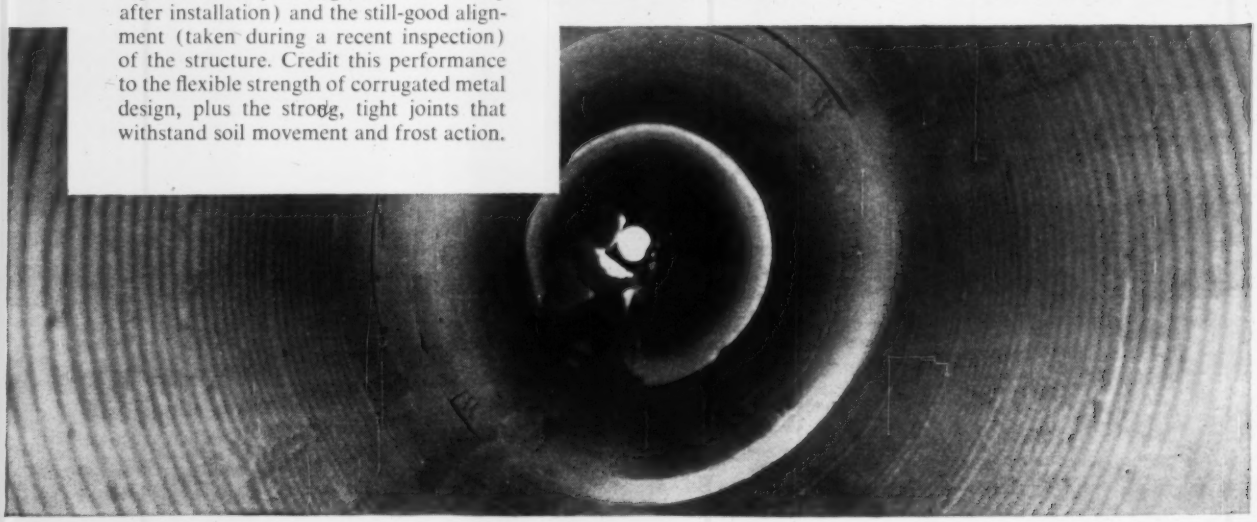

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What New Jersey Schools Cost . . .

A new report on school costs shows cost per pupil as well as cost per square or per cubic foot. This study, by Cleve O. Westby, director, School Building Services, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, in Trenton is continuing in even more detail.

Results of this first report show that new elementary schools cost from $549 to $2,268 per pupil, junior high schools range from $918 to $3,145 per pupil and senior high schools from $1,235 to $3,845.

The elementary school costs are for schools built from July 1, 1956, through June 30, 1957. The junior and senior high schools cover those built from 1950 through 1956. In order to compare these costs on a relatively equivalent basis, ENR has updated them by applying the rise in costs measured by the ENR Building Cost Index.

Individual school costs (or prices to the taxpayers) are shown in the accompanying tables, organized by type and size of school (in pupil capacity).

New Elementary Schools

Construction Costs
July 1, 1956-June 30, 1957
(ENR Bldg Cost Index 489-507)

Capacity No. pupils	Gross Area sf pupil	Construction Costs per pupil	per sf
K-1			
80	91	$1,275	$13.93
K-2			
300	54	549	10.19
420	46	672	14.52
K-3			
170	48	1,081	22.68
205	92	1,910	20.76
440	55	767	13.92
450	57	915	15.92
K-5			
350	63	1,200	19.14
K-6			
150	67	990	14.85
200	38	703	18.39
205	51	1,157	22.52
230	66	1,263	19.06
260	80	1,007	12.56
290	49	566	11.52
290	108	2,132	19.72
295	65	1,050	16.06
300	34	650	19.11
360	49	566	11.52
360	72	1,594	22.07
400	57	789	13.78
425	96	1,747	18.13
430	57	785	13.78
440	67	1,225	18.26
445	68	1,314	19.40
455	71	1,332	18.68
460	66	1,530	23.23
460	48	785	16.18
500	47	730	15.59
500	60	707	11.86
520	55	1,017	18.59
530	53	767	14.41
560	63	1,281	20.36
760	53	932	17.69
K-7			
260	73	974	13.29
K-8			
500	37	683	18.44
540	46	693	14.97
600	48	776	16.05
610	43	720	16.68
640	46	761	16.51
670	43	673	15.55
1-3			
360	86	2,268	26.47
425	96	1,747	18.13
1-4			
120	67	1,033	15.48
1-6			
300	66	996	15.09
1-8			
240	54	682	12.61
4-8			
300	59	999	16.84
5-8			
300	63	903	14.30
300	60	1,018	16.83
300	57	721	12.72
960	70	1,142	16.39
6-8			
480	86	1,272	14.80

INCLUDE the five basic construction contracts. DO NOT INCLUDE architects' or legal fees, furniture, land or extensive site development.

Construction costs adjusted to February, 1958 using ENR Bldg Cost Index 516

New Junior High Schools

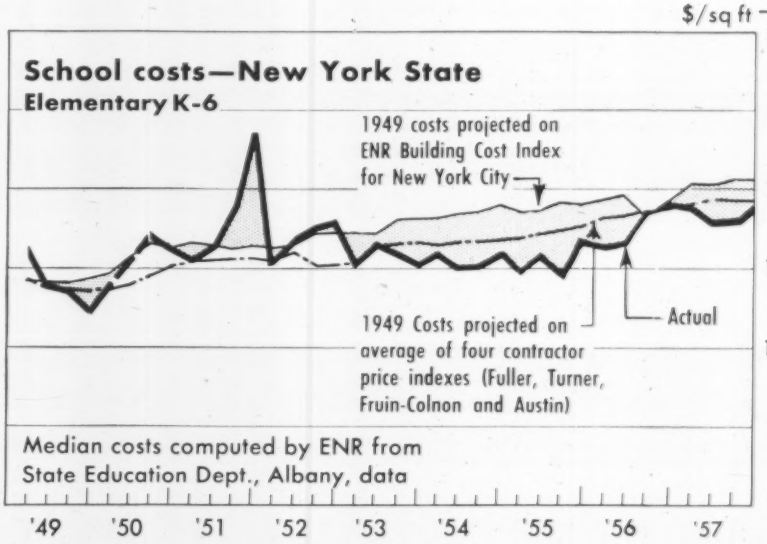
Capacity No. pupils	Date Built	ENR Bldg Cost Index	Size cf	pupil sf	Cost adjusted to Feb. '58 per pupil	per cf	per sf
400	June '51	401	2,375	152	$2,888	$1.21	$18.86
500	Jan. '53	425	1,465	106	1,782	1.21	16.82
515	Nov. '50	390	1,728	94	1,446	0.83	15.36
520(a)	May '56	487	1,257	86	1,456	1.15	16.96
600(a)	Apr. '52	408	1,254	85	1,588	1.26	18.74
600	Aug. '52	422	1,833	115	1,895	1.04	16.47
600	Oct. '53	436			1,599		
600(a)	July '56	489	1,213	93	1,411	1.16	15.23
650(b)	Mar. '57	501	1,480	108	2,067	1.40	19.29
700	Sept. '56	500	947	69	918	0.97	13.37
750	Apr. '55	461	1,380	92	1,980	1.43	21.26
820	June '55	465	1,730	105	2,049	1.10	18.22
850	May '57	503	1,421	99	1,835	1.28	18.45
868(a)	Mar. '57	501	1,440	99	1,368	0.95	13.85
900	Apr. '55	461	1,780	125	2,186	1.22	17.51
1000	Aug. '54	456	1,656	105	1,843	1.11	17.49
1000	Dec. '54	457	1,465	97	1,717	1.16	17.52
1000(b)	Feb. '56	483	964	69	1,102	1.14	16.08
1000	Apr. '57	501	1,650	108	1,852	1.12	17.14
1000	June '57	504	1,390	106	1,830	1.31	17.32
1050	June '55	465	1,513	99	1,498	0.92	13.44
1100(a)	June '54	440	1,370	99	1,454	1.07	15.95
1100	Nov. '55	479	2,045	95	1,724	0.84	18.06
1100(b)	Oct. '56	500	1,270	83	1,190	0.94	14.27
1150	July '54	444	2,710	158	3,155	1.16	19.87
1200	Nov. '56	500	1,265	95	1,935	1.53	20.30
1500(b)	Dec. '55	479	1,306	91	1,359	1.03	14.93
1600	Aug. '55	478	1,503	106	2,384	1.12	21.22
1600	May '57	503	1,313	100	2,453	1.87	24.59

(a) Intermediate K-9 School (b) Jr. or Sr. High School

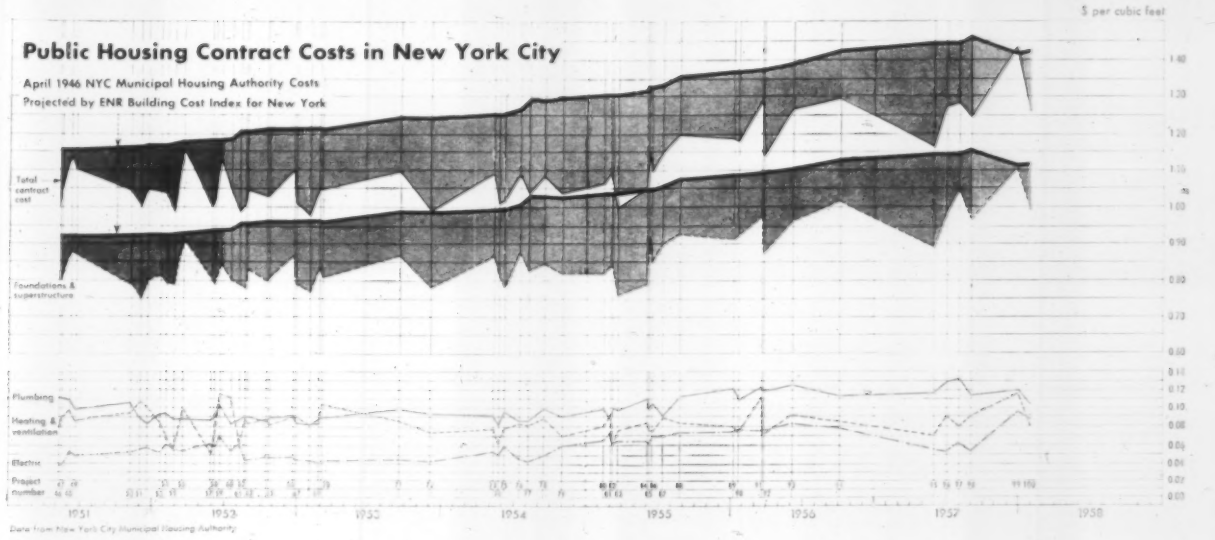
New Senior High Schools

Capacity No. pupils	Date Built	ENR Bldg Cost Index	Size cf	pupil sf	Cost adjusted to Feb. '58 per pupil	per cf	per sf
400	July '51	400	1,725		$2,535	$1.47	
400	May '55	463	2,524	167	2,651	1.05	$15.92
420	Nov. '50	390	1,986	124	2,342	1.19	17.57
550	Apr. '50	363	1,483	93	2,007	1.05	15.79
600	Apr. '54	437		115	2,053		17.92
600	June '55	465	2,102	138	2,351	1.12	17.07
600	Aug. '54	456	1,865	139	2,312	1.00	14.15
630	Oct. '50	397	795	62	1,235	1.46	18.90
650	Sept. '50	393	3,948		3,835	0.97	
700	Aug. '55	478	1,779	117	1,787	1.00	15.29
750	June '55	465	3,002	134	2,537	0.84	18.89
750	Jan. '56	480	2,218	131	2,572	1.17	19.59
750	Mar. '56	483	1,833	104	1,923	1.05	18.42
750	Sept. '56	500	1,141	85	1,363	1.19	16.05
800	Apr. '52	408	1,326	82	1,891	1.38	23.05
810	Mar. '55	460	2,101	126	1,962	0.93	15.55
827	Apr. '56	486	1,520	101	1,323	0.87	12.69
850	Dec. '55	479	2,136	132	1,769	0.82	15.81
900	Mar. '55	459	1,683	110	1,891	1.14	17.20
940	Feb. '50	356	1,457	92	1,674	1.09	18.19
1000	May '53	426	1,410	94	1,611	1.14	17.44
1000	Oct. '54	456	1,406	92	1,856	1.31	20.18
1000	Aug. '55	478	2,070	125	2,487	1.76	19.43
1000	July '56	489	1,742	106	2,137	1.22	20.06
1080	Sept. '55	479	2,223	165	1,874	0.84	17.94
1100	Sept. '55	479	1,737	114	2,078	1.20	18.28
1193	July '54	444	1,321	85	1,779	1.37	20.80
1200	Feb. '50	356	1,895	124	2,557	1.28	18.67
1200	June '54	440	2,093	118	2,340	1.07	19.77
1200	Oct. '54	456	1,733	95	1,461	0.84	15.37
1200	Aug. '56	491	1,756	111	2,293	1.30	20.57
1450	Sept. '54	454	1,541	118	1,989	1.28	16.82

. . . And What New York Schools Cost



IN NEW YORK STATE costs of K-6 elementary schools continued to rise moderately. For more detail and costs of secondary, 7-12 schools see the table on facing page.



Housing . . .

The sharp rise to $1.4341 in cube costs for the Redfern Houses addition by the New York City Housing Authority in the fourth quarter of 1957 dropped back to $1.263 per cu ft for the Sen. Taft Houses let in the first quarter of 1958. But cost per construction room moved up to $2,705.31 for Redfern and to $2,897.26 for Sen. Taft Houses, from $2,502 in the 3rd quarter for Louis Heaton Pink Houses.

Electrical costs at Redfern were 59% higher per cube than the previous contract for Louis Heaton Pink Houses and the Taft electrical costs were up 45%. Plumbing, up only 7% for Redfern, was down 7% for Taft. Heating was up 23% at Redfern but 15% lower per cu ft for Taft. Foundation and superstructure cube costs were 19% higher at Redfern, 7% higher at the Sen. Taft Houses.

Schools . . .

The rise in elementary school costs in New York State, based on costs per square foot reported to the State Education Department, Division of School Buildings and Grounds, continues to hold below the rise in basic costs as measured by the ENR Building Cost Index. It is less also than the rise in building prices measured by the average of four contractor indexes. For example, the third quarter average actual cost reported was $18 per sq ft. This would have been $19.29 if it had gone up with the contractor price index and $20.88 if it had gone up with the ENR Building Cost Index. The fourth quarter average of $19 would have been $19.35 or $20.91 if it moved with the indexes.

Public Housing Unit Prices—1957-58

Awards by New York City Housing Authority

Project Number		Second Quarter 1957 (95)	(96)	Third Quarter 1957 (97)	(98)	4th Quarter 1957 (99)	1st Quarter 1958 (100)
Project		Castle Hill Houses	Jefferson Houses III*	Baruch Houses III*	Louis Heaton Pink Houses	Redfern Houses Addition	Sen. Taft Houses
Total constructed rooms	No.	8,761	2,980	2,700	6,352	734	3,198
Total apartments	No.	2,025	700	658	1,500	148	798
Rooms per apartment	Av. No.	4.33	4.26	4.10	4.23	4.96	4.01
Total cubage	Cu. ft.	19,247,987	5,909,373	5,264,205	13,316,063	1,384,635	7,337,776
Bid date		5 7 57	6 28 57	7 23 57	8 27 57	12 10 57	1 21 58
Cost per:							
Total contract		$21,556,064	$7,303,408	$6,658,912	$15,891,250*	$1,985,700	$9,265,452
Constructed room		2,460.46	2,450.81	2,466.26	2,501.77*	2,705.31	2,897.26
Apartment		10,644.97	10,433.44	10,119.93	10,594.17*	13,416.89	11,610.84
Cubic foot		1.1200	1.2359	1.2649	1.1934*	1.4341	1.263
Foundations & superstructures		16,900,324	5,678,632	5,196,075	12,335,800	1,526,000	7,268,855
Constructed room		1,929.04	1,905.58	1,924.47	1,942.04	2,079.02	2,272.93
Apartment		8,345.84	8,112.33	7,896.27	8,223.87	10,310.81	9,108.84
Cubic foot		0.8780	0.9610	0.9870	0.9265	1.1021	0.991
Heating and ventilation		1,378,000	552,576	440,000	1,256,800	161,750	589,800
Constructed room		157.29	185.43	162.96	198.33	220.36	184.43
Apartment		680.49	789.39	668.69	839.87	1,092.91	739.10
Cubic foot		0.0716	0.0935	0.0836	0.0946	0.1168	0.080
Electrical construction		1,048,740	314,300	327,800	797,000*	131,750	637,000
Constructed room		119.71	105.47	121.41	125.47*	179.50	199.19
Apartment		517.90	449.00	498.18	531.33*	890.20	798.25
Cubic foot		0.0545	0.0532	0.0623	0.0599*	0.0952	0.087
Plumbing		2,229,000	757,900	695,037	1,498,650	166,200	769,792
Constructed room		254.42	254.33	257.42	235.93	226.43	240.71
Apartment		1,100.74	1,082.72	1,056.29	999.09	1,122.97	964.65
Cubic foot		0.1158	0.1282	0.1320	0.1125	0.1200	0.105
Piling abnormal foundations		727,000	143,000	700,000	644,000	58,000	1,338,00

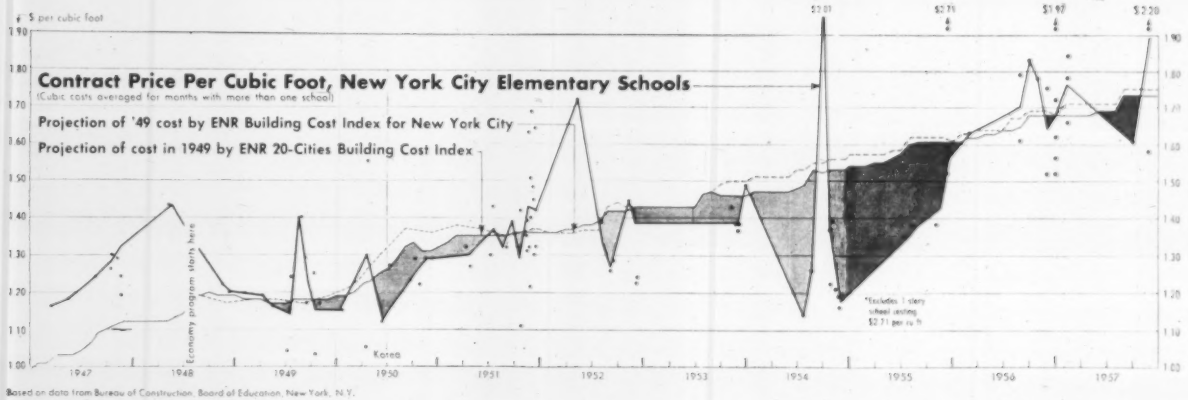
School Costs Per Square Foot in New York State

State Education Department, Division of School Buildings and Grounds

	No. of Schools K-6 Total	Elementary, K-6 Dollars per sq ft for schools with . . . One Large Unit* Min	Med	Max	Two Large Units* Min	Med	Max	Three Large Units* Min	Med	Max	No. of Schools 7-12 Total	Secondary, 7-12 Dollars per sq ft Min	Med	Max
1949	29	$10.40	$14.00	$19.20	$12.00	$14.60	$18.70				4	$13.20	$13.55	$16.20
1955	52	11.75	16.40	23.60	11.90	15.70	20.25	$14.90	$14.90	$15.90	13	12.55	17.10	18.50
1956	53	12.90	17.85	23.80	13.25	17.65	21.10	16.50	16.80	17.10	7	15.40	18.15	20.90
1957	44	14.65	19.25	25.20	12.90	18.00	21.75	.....	18.70	.....	10	16.40	18.61	20.60
'55, Q1	17	13.60	16.40	17.35	12.70	14.53	15.90	.....	14.90	.....	4	12.55	15.15	17.50
Q2	17	11.75	15.83	19.90	11.90	15.70	17.20	.....	.....	.....	3	15.60	17.20	17.30
Q3	8	17.50	19.25	19.90	15.90	16.90	20.25	.....	.....	.....	4	15.30	16.40	18.30
Q4	12	15.50	16.95	23.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.90	.....	2	18.25	18.33	18.40
'56, Q1	11	14.95	15.10	18.40	14.45	16.80	18.50	.....	.....	.....	2	16.75	18.33	20.90
Q2	18	14.40	16.50	18.55	14.60	18.00	19.00	.....	17.10	.....	2	15.80	16.98	18.15
Q3	9	12.90	19.10	21.60	14.15	18.50	21.10	.....	16.50	.....	2	15.40	17.25	19.10
Q4	15	16.00	20.70	23.80	13.25	18.85	21.00	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	18.60	.....
'57, Q1	11	17.80	18.58	19.35	15.70	19.23	21.75	.....	18.20	.....	1	.....	18.51	.....
Q2	14	14.65	19.60	25.20	12.90	18.10	19.00	.....	.....	.....	5	18.70	19.35	20.00
Q3	11	18.60	19.15	19.40	14.40	17.78	18.40	.....	.....	.....	3	16.40	19.50	20.60
Q4	8	18.60	22.00	25.20	17.60	17.95	19.60	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	18.90	.....

* Large Unit includes a general purpose room, gymnasium, auditorium, multi-purpose or other group activity room. These are costs based on the four contracts—general construction, plumbing, electrical, heating and ventilating. They include built-in features, but no movable furniture or equipment. Some minor site improvement may be included, but no major site work and no land costs.

Unit Prices on New York City Schools



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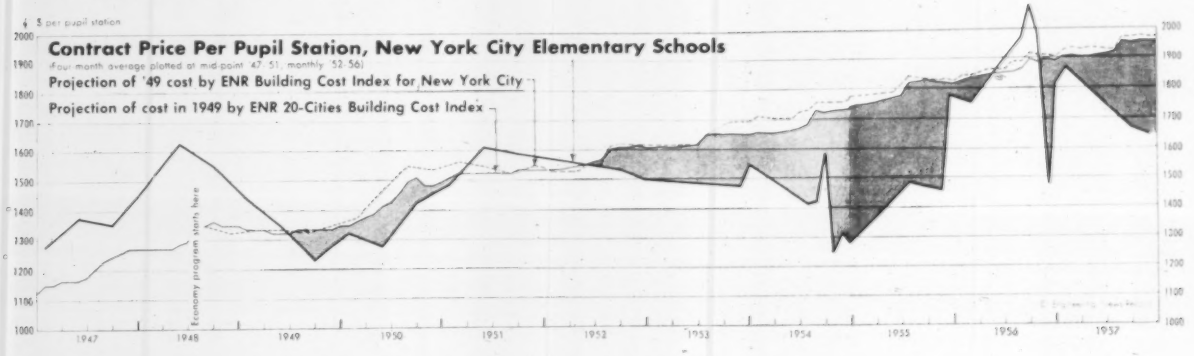

Unit Prices of Schools Built in New York City — by Years

Elementary Schools

	no.	per cu ft min	per cu ft aver	per cu ft max	per pupil sta min	per pupil sta aver	per pupil sta max	capacity, pupil stas min	capacity, pupil stas aver	capacity, pupil stas max
1947	(9)	$1.16	$1.25	$1.56	$1,255	$1,517	$1,991	558	1,162	1,550
1948	(5)	1.20	1.30	1.43	1,399	1,581	1,784	806	1,094	1,433
1949	(12)	1.03	1.18	1.40	1,148	1,334	1,658	858	1,181	1,588
1950	(11)	1.04	1.20	1.55	957	1,337	1,612	302	1,036	1,581
1951	(24)	1.11	1.39	1.69	1,447	1,710	2,451	358	885	1,274
1952	(9)	1.23	1.40	1.72	1,391	1,518	1,689	464	968	1,310
1953	(6)	1.37	1.41	1.49	1,202	1,388	1,570	792	944	1,238
1954	(9)	1.11	1.33	2.01	1,216	1,354	1,580	302	1,073	1,292
1955	(10)	1.35	1.61	2.71	1,338	1,653	2,059	133	1,117	1,364
1956	(12)	1.52	1.69	1.97	1,367	1,811	2,381	842	1,244	1,631
1957	(6)	1.58	1.78	2.20	1,581	1,762	2,136	487	1,114	1,400

Junior High Schools

	no	per cu ft min	per cu ft aver	per cu ft max	per pupil sta min	per pupil sta aver	per pupil sta max	capacity, pupil stas min	capacity, pupil stas aver	capacity, pupil stas max
1947	(2)	$1.21	$1.23	$1.25	$1,270	$1,277	$1,284	1,810	2,068	2,326
1948	(1)	1.32	1.32	1.32	1,623	1,623	1,623	1,518	1,518	1,518
1949	(3)	0.99	1.09	1.26	1,281	1,389	1,553	1,518	1,819	1,998
1950	(1)	1.07	1.07	1.07	1,210	1,210	1,210	2,012	2,012	2,012
1951	(5)	1.32	1.36	1.38	1,408	1,511	1,645	1,558	1,842	2,020
1952	(7)	1.10	1.22	1.31	1,187	1,342	1,451	1,732	1,813	2,056
1953	(7)	1.10	1.22	1.29	1,176	1,290	1,462	1,766	1,968	2,185
1954	(6)	1.10	1.23	1.30	1,237	1,322	1,517	1,684	1,969	2,136
1955	(11)	1.25	1.31	1.63	1,370	1,580	1,904	1,772	1,950	2,114
1956	(6)	1.49	1.64	2.02	1,580	1,711	1,895	1,764	1,959	2,166
1957	(2)	1.53	1.64	1.74	1,609	1,709	1,808	1,946	2,065	2,183

School Building Contract Unit Prices, New York City—1957

Bureau of Building Design and Construction, Board of Education, City of New York

No.	Size, min-aver-max pupil station	Large units	Min-aver-max COST per pupil station	Min-aver-max COST per cubic foot	Min-aver-max % of total bldg contract price* general constr	heating	plumbing	electrical
Elementary, New 3-Story					%	%	%	%
5	1,075-1,239-1,400	Aud; gym; lunch-playrm	$1,581-1,772-2,136	$1.58-1.69-1.84	74.4-74.9-75.6	10.1-10.6-11.0	5.1-6.0-6.7	8.0-8.5-9.0
Elementary, New 2-Story								
1	487	Multi-purpose; lunch-playrm.	1,710	2.20	67.2	11.9	11.1	9.8
Elementary, Addition 2-Story								
	252	Classrooms only	1,138	1.98	78.7	11.0	3.8	6.5
Junior High, New 3-Story								
1	1,946	Aud; gym; cafeteria	1,609	1.53	71.2	11.0	5.3	11.9
1	2,183	Aud; gym; caf; branch library	1,808	1.74	72.9	11.3	5.6	10.2

*Excludes abnormal site costs

School costs per cu ft held or rose only a little in New York City in 1957. They show a small drop in per pupil costs. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL averages climbed to $1.78 per cu ft from $1.69 in 1956, while cost per pupil dropped to $1,762 from $1,811.

The JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL costs held at $1.64 per cu ft, their average for 1956, while the cost per pupil receded slightly to $1,709 from $1,711 in 1956.

Pouring concrete for reinforced second floor slab for Houston Hospital and Dyer's Clinic, Houston, Mississippi.

ARCHITECT:
Ellerbe & Company
St. Paul, Minn.

ASSOC. ARCHITECT:
William I. Rosamond
Columbus, Miss.

CONTRACTOR:
G & K Construction Co., Inc.
Pascagoula, Miss.

DEALER:
Dendy Lumber Company
Houston, Miss.

Lehigh Mortar Cement contributed to good-looking exterior masonry in this new three-story, 65-bed Mississippi hospital.

Mississippi Contractor meets tight schedule with . . .

LEHIGH EARLY STRENGTH CEMENT

To meet the completion date requirement of their contract, the G & K Construction Company, Inc., set up a tight working schedule for this job at Houston, Mississippi.

By using Lehigh Early Strength Cement in the columns, floors and roof, they were able to keep within the time limit, yet avoid doubling form costs.

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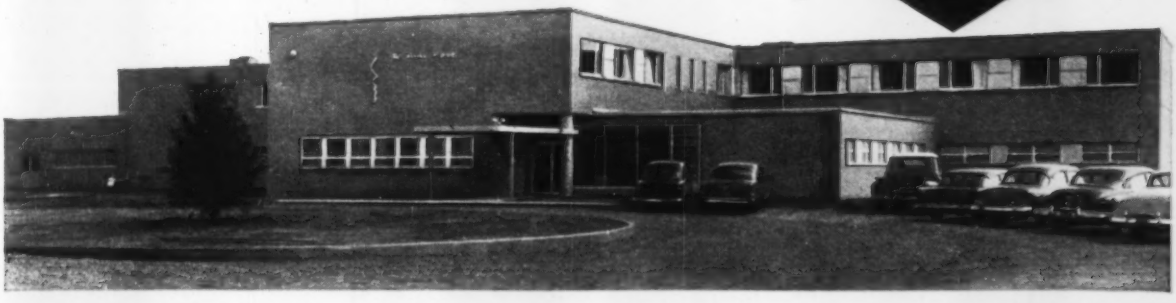

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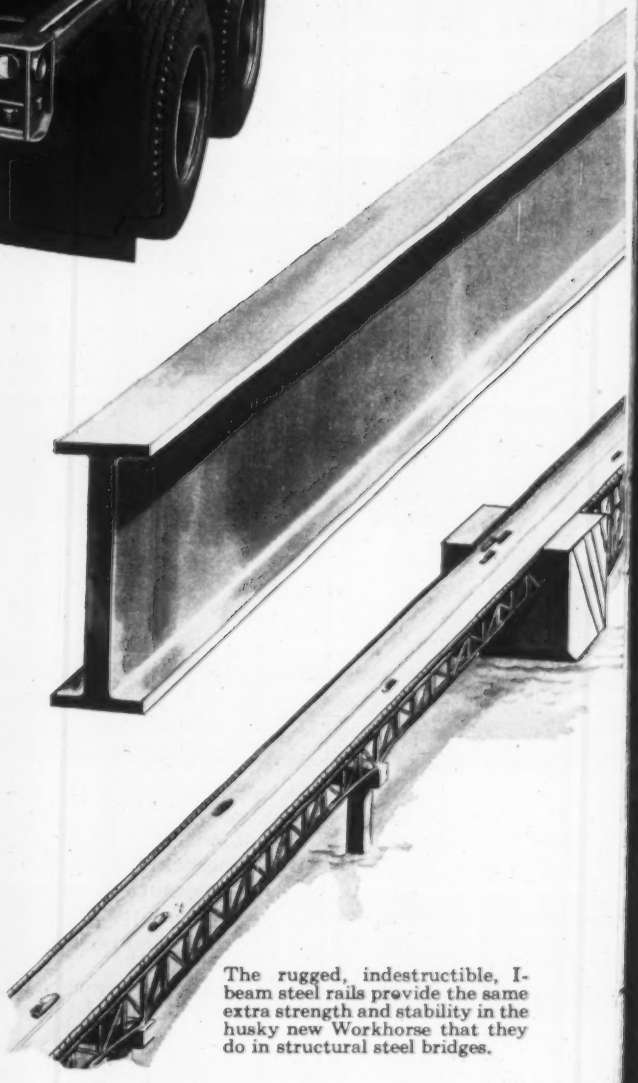

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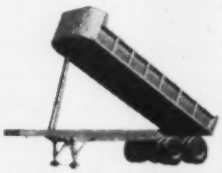

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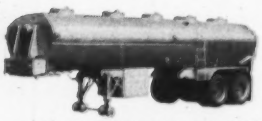

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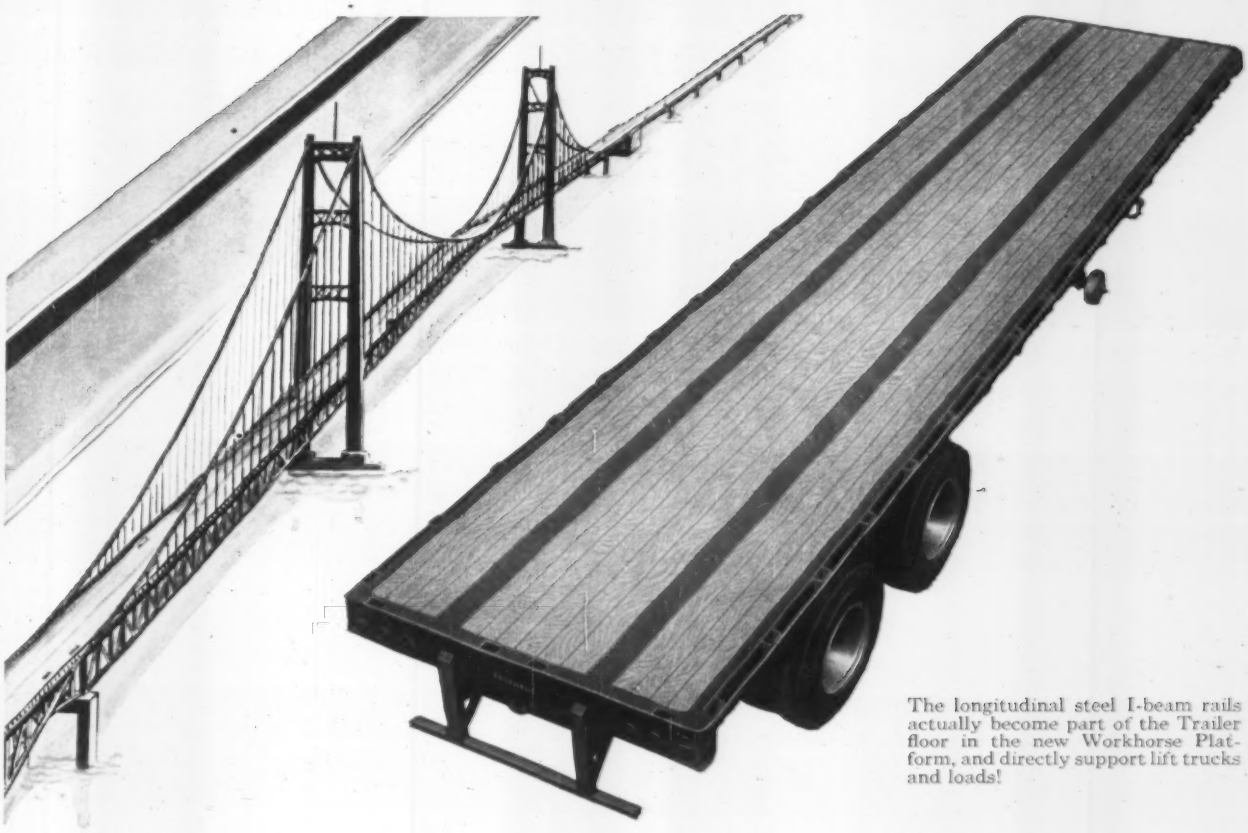

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TYPE OF: Building (purpose or product)	Hospital	2 Dormitories	School	School	Office Bldg.	Mfg & Office	Mill Bldg	Buildings
Construction: frame	Steel	Concrete	Steel-Conc	Steel-Conc	Reinf Concrete	Stl & Reinf Conc	Wood	Steel
outside walls	Brick & Stone	Brick & Metal	Brick	Brick	Marble & Brick	Met & Precast Conc	Cor Siding	Cor Siding
Date Construction started	Dec. 1957		Jan. 1, 1956	Sept. 1, 1957	Dec., 1953	Apr. 1 1957	Sept. 1956	Oct., 1956
Location, city	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rensselaer, Ind.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	New Brighton, Pa.	Atlanta, Ga.	Orlando, Fla	Washington	Wyoming
SIZE OF BUILDING: Height, stories	3	3	3	2	9	1 & 2	40 ft	36 ft
Floor area, sq ft	41,755 sf	.....	152,000 sf	77,900 sf	479,000 sf	528,000 sf	3,640 sf	2,400 ft
Volume, cu ft	638,620 cf	.....	1,965,100 cf	1,236,500 cf	7,130,000 cf	10,590,000 cf	145,600 cf	86,400 cf
% air conditioned	100%	0%	.....	....	100%	100%	0%	0%
RANGE OF COST of this type of building								
Cost, $ per sq ft	.....	.....	.....	.....	Actual $18.04	Actual $11.76	Actual $137.93 Min $100	Aver $125 Max $150
Cost, $ per cu ft	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.214	0.586	3.83	....
Unit of Capacity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	440 t/24 hr	487 t/24 hr ....
ENR BUILDING COST INDEX	516	....	480	516	435	501	500	500

PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF COST									% of Total Costs			
	$	%	$	%	$	%	$	%	%	%	%	%
Excavation & Site	$16,556	3.03	$7,884	2.00	$211,250	13.08	$67,650	7.05	2.63	Sep Cont	04.2	03.2
Foundations	36,000	6.59	20,000	5.07	158,250	9.80	142,000	14.79	incl in Exc	0.9	17.0	17.9
Structural Frame	91,000	16.67	50,225	12.73	243,000	15.04	130,000	13.54	16.99	Sep Cont	49.9	39.3
Cement Finish Work	3,505	0.64	4,100	1.04	13,600	0.84	6,000	0.62	incl in Fdrs	20.0	....	....
Exterior Masonry	83,000	15.20	25,100	6.36	140,400	8.69	200,000	20.83	11.39	0.2	....	....
Metal Wall Panels	40,215 d	7.36	66,000 d	16.73						1.8	....	....
Interior Partitions	40,743	7.46	49,627	12.57	167,450	10.37	16,500	1.72	4.06	2.8		
Carpentry & Millwork	47,556	8.71	21,128	5.35	51,500	3.19	55,000	5.73	4.65	0.3	15.8	22.8
Sash & Glazing	11,099 e	2.03	12,276 e	3.11	92,200	5.71	40,000	4.17	1.77	0.6		
Doors	4,650 a	0.85	7,113	1.80	22,000	1.36	15,000	1.56	0.97	1.6	1.0	0.8
Roofing	9,540 b	1.75	7,673	1.94	51,600	3.19	80,000	8.33	0.66	1.5	4.8	2.8
Insulation	in roofing		in roofing		in roofing		in roofing		0.08	....	....	0.9
Water-and Dampproofing	308	0.06	762	0.20	7,000	0.46	1,000	0.10	0.58	....	....	....
Metal Lath, Furring, & Plastering	67,043	12.28	50,079	12.69	91,000	5.63	25,000	2.60	2.14	1.6	....	....
Hollow Metal Work	in doors		in doors		21,000	1.30	9,500	0.99	0.48	0.6	....	....
Misc Iron & Ornamental Metal	7,516	1.38	20,092	5.09	40,000	2.47	32,000	3.33	2.54	1.8	1.0	0.8
Tile, Terrazzo, & Marble	33,838	6.20	7,246	1.84	61,000	3.78	21,000	2.20	7.72	1.3		
Floor Covering	8,687	1.59	9,807	2.48	32,000	1.98	15,000	1.56	1.45	0.8	0.4	0.8
Painting	14,353	2.63	11,062	2.80	20,000	1.24	27,000	2.81	1.20	0.9	0.2	4.2
Finish Hardware	14,000	2.56	9,625	2.44	18,000	1.11	12,500	1.30	1.04	0.5	0.5	0.3
Acoustical Ceilings	16,408	3.01	11,501	2.91	1,000	0.06	15,000	1.56	1.59	1.1	....	....
Plumbing	sub	....	sub	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.83	33.0	1.9	1.1
Heat, Ventil, & Air Conditioning	sub	....	sub	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	in plumb	in plumb	3.3	5.1
Electrical Work & Light Fixtures	sub	....	sub	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22	24.6	....	....
Elevators	sub	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.59	0.3	....	....
Power Plant	existing	....	existing	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....		....	....
Intercom Systems & Television	in elec	....	in elec	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	0.4	....	....
Equip: (mach tools, process equip, etc.) kitchen, opertg rm, gym, stage, etc	.....	....	.....	....	173,000	10.7	50,000	5.21	....	2.6 c	....	....
Bulletin board & display cases	.....	....	3,369	0.85	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Miscellaneous	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	1.51	0.8	....	....

a hollow metal & frames b Roofing & sheet metal c Kitchen equip. d includes sash e glazing only

This is the seventh in this series of building cost analyses. For number 6 see ENR, Oct. 17, 1957, p. 280-281

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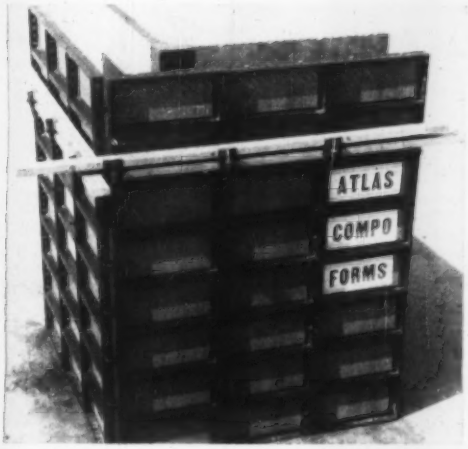

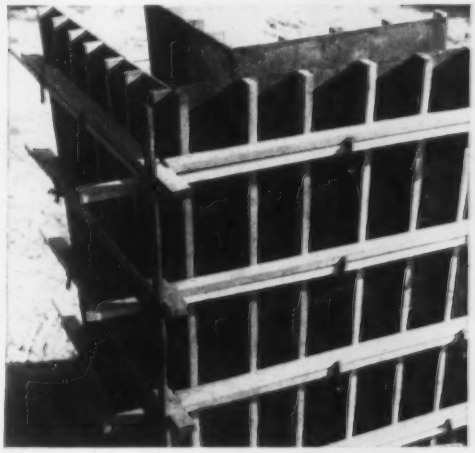

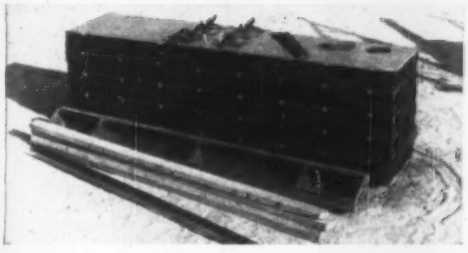

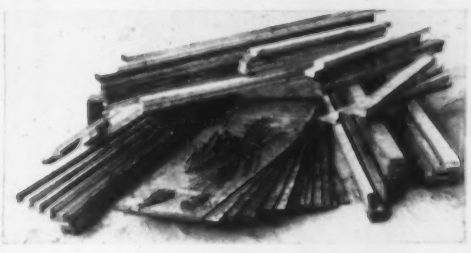

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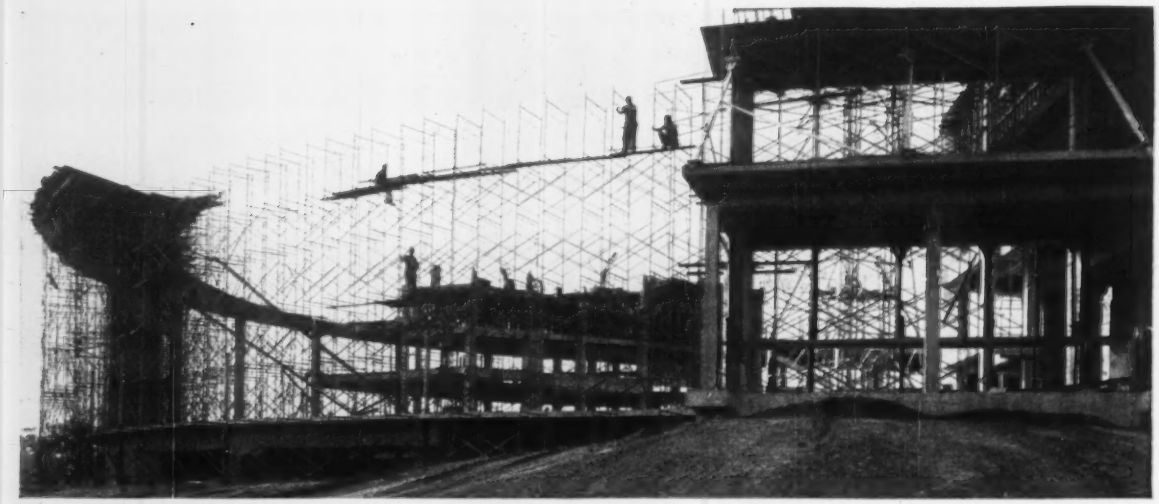

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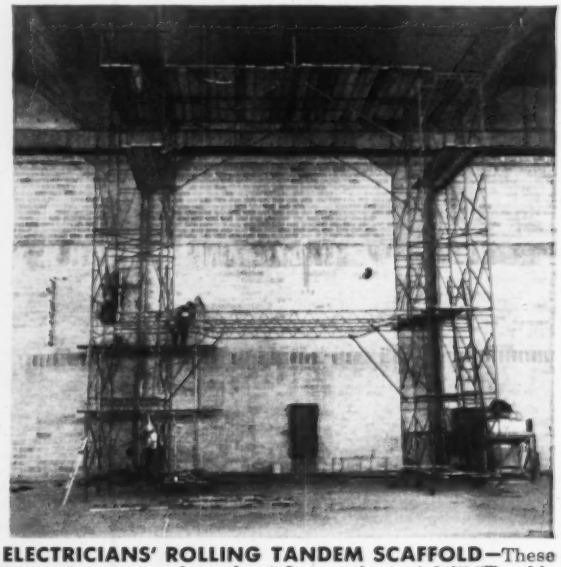

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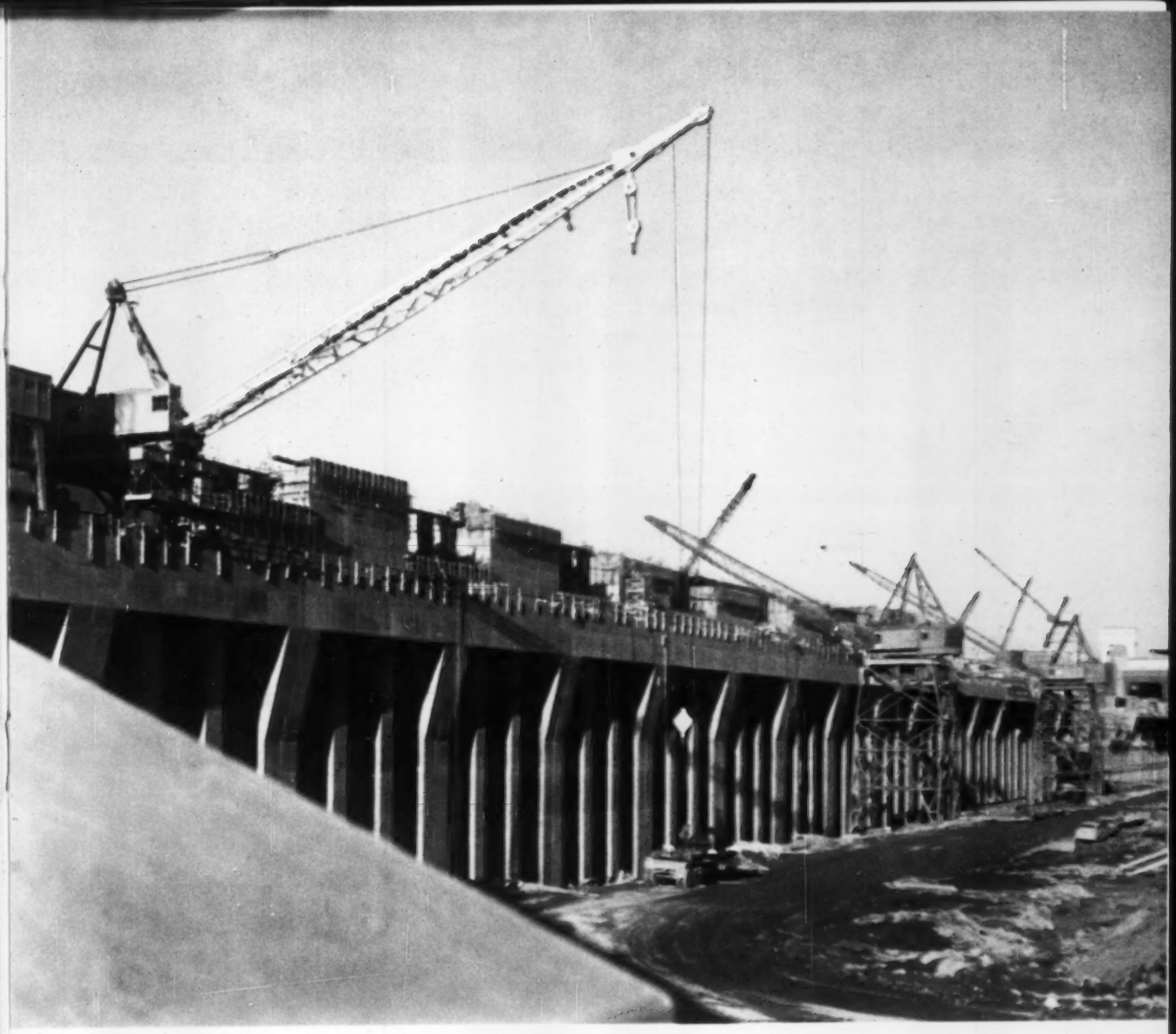

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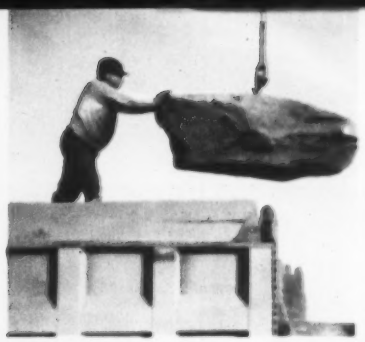

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How to Get Unit Prices on Buildings

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Unit prices on the many and diverse elements of building construction are often hard to come by because, to contractors who know them best, they represent a big investment which they resist giving away.

On the other hand, many contractors, as part of their public relations and new business procurement efforts, do supply prices to pre-contract estimators.

In any event, unit prices are essential to engineers, architects and quantity surveyors for the more accurate and precise cost estimating that enables owners to arrange their financing without getting into embarrassing money shortages or a costly surplus. Moreover, even the best unit prices vary with change in site, business conditions, building design and geographical location, so that a continuing supply is necessary.

Among the methods used to assure such a supply of unit prices are these:

1. Price materials, labor, equipment use, and add estimated mark-up.
2. Require in the contract that the contractor submit unit prices as a basis for monthly progress payments.
3. Ask friendly contractors to supply the data as needed.
4. On private work, bring the contractor into a planning team to advise on costs and methods from the start.

• **Mark-up**—For pricing items in the quantity takeoff, increasing numbers of unit price "handbooks" or "pricing manuals" are available, but these are of necessity based on averages, which have their limitations. Also, labor and material pricing from local rates can be followed, but here, as with the handbooks, the "mark-up" is the big question mark. This mark-up—a percentage of Direct Cost which the contractor must add to cover Overhead and Profit—is the subject of endless debate and speculation, but on buildings that cost up to $100,000 a mark-up of 25 to 30% is considered normal.

This mark-up includes overtime, social security taxes, insurance, bonds, permits and the costs of procurement, warehousing, general supervision, business-getting and contingencies. The better the set of contract documents—that is, the more explicit and complete the drawings and specifications—the less will be the allowance for contingencies. Some estimators include overtime, social security taxes and insurance as Labor, thus increasing the Direct Cost and reducing the Overhead.

Percentage of the mark-up also will vary inversely with the amount of subcontracting. Where 80% of the work is subcontracted, the subcontractors have, theoretically, absorbed 80% of the Indirect Costs (Overhead and Profit). In practice, however, the prime contractor usually anticipates a considerable overhead cost for coordinating the work. A mark-up of 15% on subcontractors' bids is not uncommon.

The mark-up decreases, percentage wise, as the value of the building increases. Partly, this is a true reflection of costs. There are certain costs—such as those of maintaining an office, a yard and a business-getting organization—which are relatively fixed and must be prorated. Hence the percentage on a million dollar contract is less than on a one hundred thousand dollar contract.

Partly, this variation in mark-up is also due to the tendency of contractors to think of profit in terms of time—usually the calendar year. If the profit goal is $50,000 it could be achieved by a profit of 5% on a single contract for $1,000,000; or by a profit of 10% on three contracts totalling $500,000.

• **Unit prices**—When all bidders are estimating from the same quantity survey their unit prices, presumably based on their experience records, measure the efficiency of their operations. These records are quite commonly regarded as the contractor's stock-in-trade and hence are carefully guarded secrets. How, then, can the estimator for the architect or owner or municipality or government agency establish accurate unit prices for the building components? These are needed as a basis for progress payments as well as for cost estimates on which financing is based.

One method in use is to require from the contractor breakdowns of all lump sum items. This is done by inserting in the General Conditions of the specifications a paragraph like this:

Within twenty days after award of contract the contractor shall submit to the Engineer on forms supplied by the Engineer, in triplicate, a breakdown of all lump sum items in the contract. This breakdown shall be subject to approval by the Engineer and when so approved shall become the basis for determining progress payments and for negotiation of change orders.

The need for such a breakdown in preparing monthly payment estimates is obvious. To be at all accurate they must be based on ascertainable quantities of work accomplished at established unit prices. The breakdown establishes the unit prices in this contract. It also provides an excellent check on both the quantities and prices used in preparing the estimate for comparison with bids, and helps to establish accurate unit prices for future estimates.

The requirement that breakdowns must be approved is intended to prevent unbalancing—overstatement of early pay items such as earthwork and concrete, with a corresponding understatement or omission of late pay items such as floor finishes and painting.

The breakdown form supplied by the architect should, in general, follow the items in the estimate (with quantities to be filled in by the contractor) but should not be so elaborate and detailed as to work a hardship on the contractor.

When the Corps of Engineers was constructing some 35 Veterans Administration hospitals it required breakdowns per linear foot of all sizes of plumbing and heating piping and electrical conduit and all types and sizes of fittings. These were stubbornly resisted by contractors, and were so obviously unwarranted that they were not enforced by the officials in charge of construction. Unit prices in the breakdowns submitted varied so widely that it was clear they bore, in many instances, little relation to actual costs. Hence they proved worthless as a source of unit costs for estimating.

Breakdowns on more recent Corps of Engineers and Air Force work have improved considerably. Those for the buildings at a large project now under construction appear to reflect quite accurately the true costs of the various building components.

Items which recur constantly in building construction are shown in the accompanying table, also unit prices reported by contractors. These, of course, include overhead and profit. They are prices effective in the 3rd quarter of 1956. The ENR Building Cost Index for the same date is 493, 1913 = 100.

Prices for one building, the largest and costliest (Column 4), are consistently higher than for the others. Separate contracts were let for founda-

Area Cost Indexes, October, 1957—Denver=100

	New York	Cleveland	Chicago	Denver	New Orleans	Atlanta
Labor Index:	128	116	115	100	90	92
Material Index:	114	107	102	100	105	98
Construction Cost Index:	121	111	108	100	97	95

tions and structural steel. Contract for the rest of this monumental structure housing classrooms and laboratories called for completion of $19.4 million worth of work in 20 months, a very high rate of placement. So these unit prices probably include abnormally high allowances for overtime and contingencies.

Unit prices for some items are fairly consistent while others vary widely among the different contracts. Concrete costs in Columns 9 and 10 may have been somewhat overstated.

Averages shown in Column 13 assume an average mark-up of 26.5%. These divided by 1.265 give the cost-to-contractor (exclusive of overhead and profit) as shown in Column 14.

Completion time for most of these buildings is less than normal. On the other hand they are not in the highest cost area.

• **Area cost variations**—When an estimator in Chicago must make a preliminary estimate for a building in Denver he can do so with reasonable accuracy by applying a factor. Using, somewhat arbitrarily, the hourly rates for four categories of building labor and ten commonly used materials as reported in ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD for Oct 17, 1957 the following index shows how wide these variations are.

Costs of exterior walls or "skins" of glass in extruded aluminum framing in three large buildings with vitreous coated glass spandrels and ¼ in. heat resistant plate glass, averaged per sq ft:

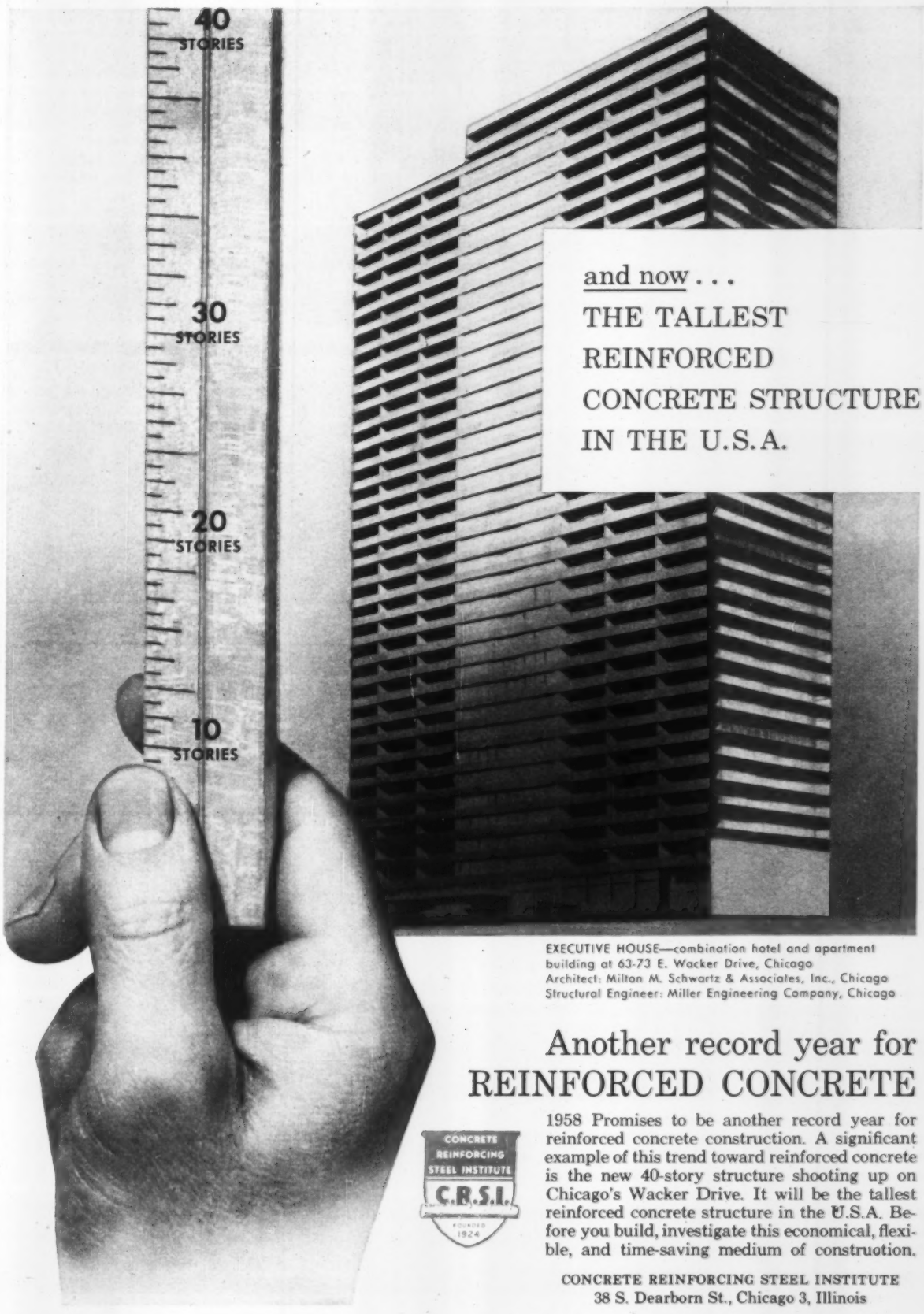
Extruded aluminum framing	$6.75
Glass	2.85
Exterior Wall	$9.60

Unit Prices of Building Components

From Contractors' Breakdowns Effective 3rd Quarter, 1956 ENR Building Costs

1 Item No	2 Building Type: Approximate Cost: Item Designation	3 Unit	4 Academic $21,900,000 Unit Price	5 Quarters $15,250,000 Unit Price	6 Dining Hall $3,950,000 Unit Price	7 Phys. Educ. $7,700,000 Unit Price	8 Administration $2,850,000 Unit Price	9 Dormitories $776,000 Unit Price	10 Gymnasium $613,000 Unit Price	11 Group H.Q. $633,000 Unit Price	12 Telephone $160,000 Unit Price	13 Average Unit Price	14 Direct Cost Unit Price
1	**Concrete Work:**												
a	Concrete only, in place:												
	(1) Footings	CY	$22.50	$17.58	$16.73	$24.00	$24.00	$50.00	$48.67	$22.00		$28.18	$22.28
	(2) Found. Walls, Grade Beams	CY	24.50	17.58	20.72	24.00	24.00	50.00	48.67	25.00	$45.00	31.05	24.54
	(3) Structural Cols, Bms, Slabs	CY	29.00	19.42	19.52	23.00	24.00	55.00	40.00	26.00	43.68	31.07	24.56
	(4) Slabs on Grade	CY	22.50	19.65	20.97	22.00	22.00	40.00	30.00	28.00	30.00	26.12	20.65
b	Forms												
	(1) Wood	SF	1.00	0.61	0.55	0.80	0.70	0.55	0.71	0.60	0.50	0.67	0.53
	(2) Metal Pan	SF	0.60	0.61	0.52	0.85	0.72			0.45	0.67	0.63	0.50
c	Reinforcing Steel												
	(1) Bars	LB	0.145	0.139	0.125	0.115	0.14	0.138	0.179	0.13	0.175	0.143	0.113
	(2) Mesh	SF	0.08	0.072	0.088	0.05	0.09	0.10	0.15	0.07	0.15	0.094	0.074
d	Finish	SF	0.12	0.04	0.053	0.18	0.25	0.10	0.15	0.19	0.178	0.14	0.111
2	**Masonry:**												
a	4" Concrete Block	SF	0.60	1.03	0.71	0.80		1.10	0.80	0.65	0.60	0.79	0.62
b	6" Concrete Block	SF	0.75	1.19	0.78	0.90			0.90	0.75	0.62	0.84	0.66
c	8" Concrete Block	SF	0.85	1.29	0.90	1.10	1.00		1.00			1.02	0.81
d	4" G.S.U.—1 Face	SF		2.58	2.76	1.95	1.80	1.32	1.62	1.95	1.00	1.87	1.48
e	Marble—2" Ozark	SF	5.00			4.41						4.70	3.72
3	**Plastering:**												
a	Metal Lath on Masonry	SY	4.25	3.36	3.05	3.00	3.20	3.00		5.28		3.59	2.84
b	Ceiling, incl suspension	SY	6.50	4.89	6.10	8.75	7.50	10.00	6.30	7.28	3.38	6.74	5.33
c	Fireproof—vermiculite	SY	15.00			25.00	18.00					19.33	15.28
d	Steel Stud Partition—2 sides	SY	6.50	6.60		15.00	10.00	11.50		7.78		9.58	7.57
4	**Metal Work:**												
a	Aluminum Wall Framing	SF	8.50	5.62		6.00						6.71	5.30
b	Aluminum Column Jackets	SF	7.00	3.59		10.00						6.86	5.42
c	Aluminum Louvers	SF	7.00	7.50	6.32	14.00						8.70	6.88
d	Miscellaneous Steel	LB	1.00	0.55	0.39	0.42	0.75	0.39	0.37	0.39	0.42	0.52	0.41
e	Stainless Steel	LB		2.50	2.42	1.05						2.00	1.58
f	Sheet Metal—Galv. Steel	SF	0.75	0.70		1.50				0.80		0.94	0.74
g	Sheet Metal—Lead Coated Copper	SF	1.00	0.70	1.80	2.00	1.20	2.00	1.50	1.70	3.00	1.66	1.31
h	Steel Roof Deck	SF			0.39	0.62				0.31		0.44	0.35
5	**Glass:**												
a	¼" Polished Plate	SF	1.60	1.11	1.49	1.50				1.59	2.00	1.55	1.23
b	¼" Heat Absorbing Plate	SF	3.40	2.17		2.00	2.50	1.75	2.50		3.00	2.47	1.95
c	Vitreous Coated (Spandrel)	SF	4.00	2.55		3.00	3.20	3.87	2.00		6.97	3.66	2.89
6	**Floor Finishes:**												
a	Ceramic Tile, unglazed	SF	1.80	1.60	1.61	1.72		1.50	1.50	2.26	1.50	1.69	1.34
b	Terrazzo	SF	2.00	2.00	1.13							1.71	1.35
c	Vinyl-Asbestos Tile ⅛"	SF	0.50	0.37	0.31	0.50						0.42	0.33
d	Asphalt Tile ⅛"	SF						0.37	0.55	0.29		0.40	0.32
e	Quarry Tile	SF			1.38	1.50				2.14		1.67	1.32
f	Hardwood	SF	0.50			1.00			1.12			0.87	0.69
7	**Wall & Ceiling Finishes:**												
a	Ceramic Tile, unglazed	SF	2.20	2.00			1.60					1.93	1.53
b	Acoustical, mineral tile	SF	0.50	0.67		0.55	0.80			0.68		0.64	0.51
c	Porcelain enamel steel panels	SF	3.25	1.40	3.50					4.32		3.12	2.47
d	Mosaic (Italian Tesserae)	SF	8.10	7.50			8.00					7.87	6.22
8	**Roofing & Waterproofing:**												
a	Built-up, 5-ply	SQ	40.00	21.00	25.70	25.00	24.00	35.00	30.50		23.50	28.09	22.05
b	Insulation—2" Rigid	SF	0.35	0.24		0.30	0.27		0.40	0.22		0.30	0.24
c	Membrane Waterproofing 3-ply	SF	0.35	0.10	0.33	0.10	0.18					0.21	0.17
9	**Painting**	SF	0.125	0.097	0.095	0.13	0.07	0.10		.12		0.105	0.08
	DISTRIBUTION OF CONSTRUCTION COST BY PERCENTAGES OF TYPES OF WORK:		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	Average %	
a	Structure		65.8	74.1	65.5	68.7	69.3	73.8	66.4	66.0	58.9	67.6	
b	Heating and ventilating		11.6	11.0	11.2	14.1	15.6	10.5	9.8	17.1	20.9	13.5	
c	Plumbing		8.2	6.6	6.3	7.7	3.2	10.6	13.0	5.5	7.1	7.6	
d	Electrical		13.1	7.6	5.6	8.9	9.4	5.1	10.8	11.4	13.1	9.5	
e	Elevators		1.3	0.7	0.9	0.6	2.5						
f	Kitchen Equipment				10.5								

NOTE: All these buildings are heated by High Temperature Hot Water from Central Boiler Plants. Total cost of the Central Heating Systems, including Plants and underground distribution, is approximately $3,000,000. If this cost were prorated to each building, percentage for heating and ventilating would be increased by about 3% of the total building cost.



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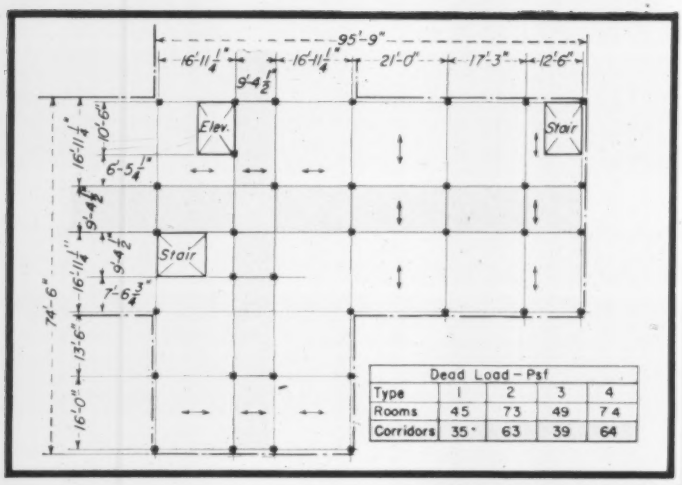
In designing a two-story and basement Chronic Disease Unit Addition to the Beloit Hospital, Beloit, Wis., we made a cost comparison of four different types of structural framing for the floors. The results are presented here. They are intended to apply only to the general type of structure used as a basis for this study (see floor plan).



Framing Types Compared

TYPE 1. Structural steel

TYPE 2. Concrete slab band

TYPE 3. Concrete joists, metal-pan fillers

TYPE 4. Concrete joists, concrete-block fillers

1. Total cost for type 3 framing is the lowest for the three live loads considered. Type 1 is the most expensive if a fireproofing ceiling is required.

2. Cost-per-square-foot comparison places the four types of framing in the same relative position as did the total-cost study, since the floor areas are nearly equal. Doubling the live load increases the cost per square foot very little—about 8 to 12 cents.

3. Percentage cost of the framing types with low-cost type 3 taken as 100% is nearly constant for each of the three live loads considered.

4. Live-load effect on costs is not very great. For the concrete designs, cost increments are nearly constant for constant live-load increments in the range studied.

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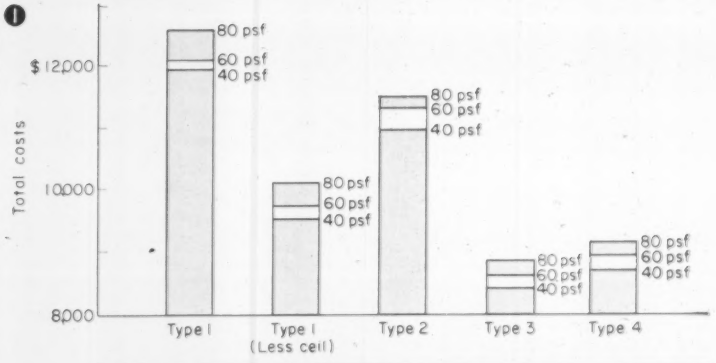

Total Cost of Four Types of Floor Framing

Live load	Type 1 5,139 sq ft	Type 1 (less ceil)	Type 2 5,236 sq ft	Type 3 5,236 sq ft	Type 4 5,236 sq ft
40 psf	$11,945	$9,485	$10,989	$8,354	$8,646
60 psf	12,085	9,625	11,282	8,598	8,893
80 psf	12,545	10,085	11,452	8,796	9,115

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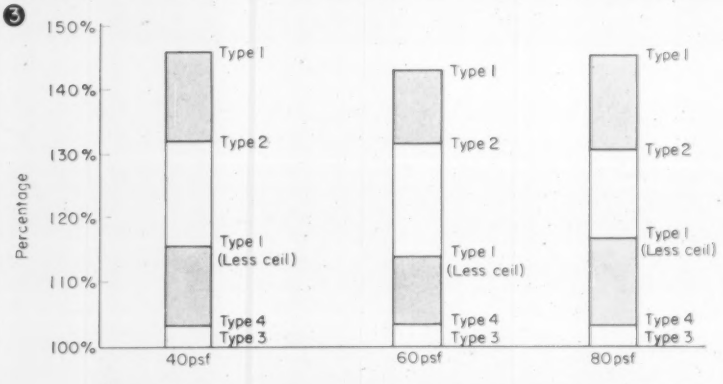


Percentage Variation in Cost by Types Based on Type 3

Live load	Type 1	Type 1 (less ceil)	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4
40 psf	145.7%	115.8%	131.9%	100.0%	103.4%
60 psf	143.3%	114.1%	131.3%	100.0%	103.5%
80 psf	145.1%	116.9%	130.1%	100.0%	103.6%

Four Types of Hospital Floor Framing

The building actually was designed and built with a reinforced concrete frame, with concrete joists and concrete block fillers. Concrete joists were selected for economy, and block fillers were chosen for acoustical properties.

Ames and Bischoff were the architects and Charles Nagel & Associates, the structural engineers—both of Milwaukee, Wis.

For the purpose of this study, about half of one floor of the original unit, an area of about 5,200 sq ft, was designed with four different, standard methods of framing. Three live loads—40, 60 and 80 psf—were considered for each design. The original column spacings, bay sizes, spandrel-beam sizes and column sizes were retained.

The arrangement of columns, with a narrow bay flanked by one almost twice as wide on each side, the beams paralleling the corridors, is applicable not only to hospitals, but to schools, office buildings, apartment buildings and other similar types of structures.

The three live loads were applied to the "room" bays, whereas the "corridor" bays were designed for an 80 psf live load consistently. In addition, a dead load of 10 psf was allowed in all "room" bays for partition loading.

Four types of standard construction were used:

Type 1. Structural steel beams, open-web steel joists, corrugated steel concrete forms, 2-in. concrete fill reinforced with 30 psf mesh.

Type 2. Reinforced concrete slab-band construction; with one-way slabs spanning between the wide, shallow beams.

Type 3. Reinforced concrete joist construction; with metal-pan fillers and concrete beams.

Type 4. Reinforced concrete joist construction; with concrete block fillers and concrete beams.

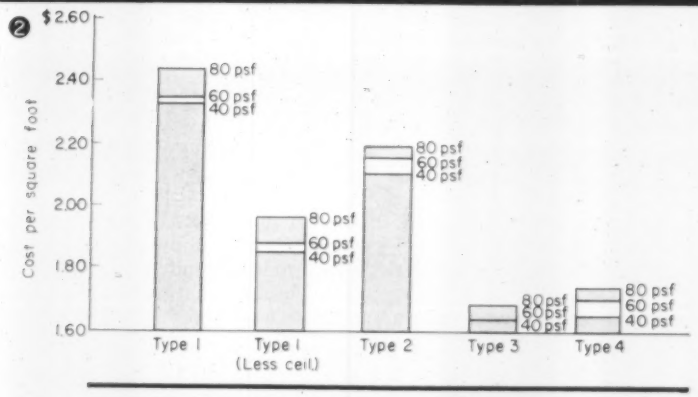
• **Particular applications**—For the types of building occupancies considered, most codes require live loads for rooms to be 40 or 50 psf; but various specific job requirements should be considered in utilizing the data presented here. Thus, the dead loads due to different types of partitions, special floor finishes, various ceilings, etc., should be added to the required live load for the specific case under consideration. Then, the total loads can be compared with the combinations of dead and live loads shown.

• **Items in this study**—The masonry load on the spandrel beams was assumed as 4 in. face brick and 8 in. lightweight concrete block backup, with a floor-to-floor height of 11 ft. For the structural steel design, the columns were assumed to be 8WF31; for the concrete designs, the column size was assumed as 12x12 in. The spandrel beams were fixed at 8x29 in., as in the original building. The cost of footings, columns, stair construction and brick angles was considered constant in all cases and hence omitted for comparison purposes.

Since hospitals, apartments, schools, offices, etc., are almost invariably required to be of fireproof construction, the structural steel design includes a 10 psf dead-load allowance for a suspended plaster ceiling. Tabulations are presented with and without ceiling costs. Structural steel shapes selected were of the lightest practicable size. For cost comparison, the beam sizes were varied with the span.

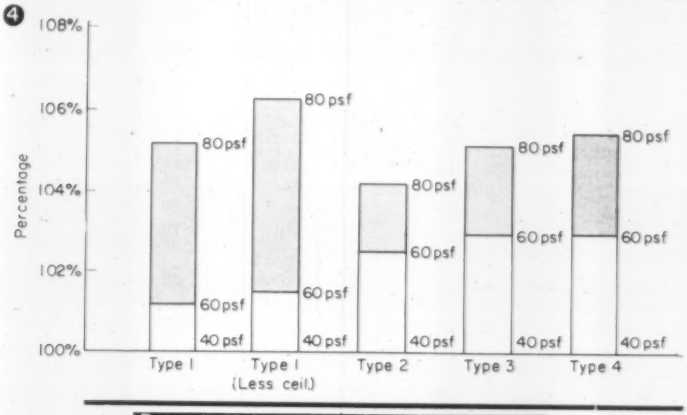
For concrete designs, no checkerboard loading patterns were used. All concrete beams in a series of spans were made the same size to reduce forming costs.

Beams for the slab-band designs were held to a 12 in. depth but were made



Cost per Square Foot of the Four Types

Live load	Type 1	Type 1 (less ceil)	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4
40 psf	$ 2.33	$ 1.85	$ 2.10	$ 1.60	$ 1.65
60 psf	2.35	1.87	2.16	1.64	1.70
80 psf	2.44	1.96	2.19	1.68	1.74



Percentage Increase in Cost with Live Load

Live load	Type 1	Type 1 (less ceil)	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4
40 psf	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
60 psf	101.2%	101.5%	102.5%	102.9%	102.9%
80 psf	105.2%	106.3%	104.2%	105.2%	105.5%

. . . Framing costs

quite wide, since wide beams in this type of framing greatly reduces the bending moment in adjacent slabs.

For both types of concrete joist construction, maximum depth of beams was held to 18 in.

No ceiling dead load was assumed in the concrete designs inasmuch as most acoustical ceilings now in common use are relatively light.

No allowance was made for the thickness of the filler shell in the design of concrete joists with block fillers.

Design stresses used were 1,250 psi for concrete and 20,000 psi for structural and reinforcing steel. Codes followed were the Wisconsin State Building Code and American Concrete Institute building code, 1951.

Stirrups were used in all concrete beams to carry top bars, even when they were not needed for shear. No bending of bars was specified, except for standard hooks at beam or slab ends.

Construction costs presented were actual Milwaukee area costs (1957) obtained from local contractors. These costs were based on a building area about six times as large as the area used for the design, to correspond more closely with actual bidding prices for a building of the nature contemplated. The unit prices used in deriving costs include 25% fo roverhead, insurance and profit..

• **Cost analysis**—As can readily be seen from the tabulations of total costs, the consistently cheapest system of framing was type 3, metal-pan concrete joists. Next, was type 4, concrete joists with concrete-block fillers.

The third cheapest type of construction hinges on the need for fireproof construction. If fireproofing is not required, type 1, structural steel construction, not including the cost of a plaster ceiling, assumes third place in relative cost. The most expensive was type 2, slab-band construction. If, however, a plaster ceiling is required to fireproof the structural steel, the added cost causes type 1 to be the most expensive and type 2 moves into third place.

[For this type of building, with short spans, the analysis indicates that the cost of fireproofed steel framing may be considerably greater than the framing the study indicated to be cheapest; however, because items of constant cost have been omitted from this study, the actual cost ratios are much smaller than shown in the charts.

The variation in steel-framing costs with live load appears to be larger than that for the other types; but this condition could well be reversed if span or framing were changed to permit more effective utilization of the standard sections.—Editor]

SELF-PARKING GARAGE has four elevators to handle its 990 car capacity. Ground level exterior is plate glass in aluminum frames and stone facing. Upper walls on all four sides are of aluminum-faced curtain wall construction.

Garage Costs $4.41 per Sq Ft

Low bid of $1,926,000 is 3.7% under engineer's estimate and $522,750 under high bid for structure

Providing six parking levels and one shopping level, a new split-level, self-parking garage in Houston, Tex., is capable of handling 990 cars and has four elevators. The cost is $4.41 per sq ft for the structure and $4,431 per elevator per floor for the elevators.

The structure, the Professional Building Parking Garage, is being erected between Main St. and Fannin, on a plot 300 x 245 ft. Hedrick, Stanley and Lightfoot, Houston, are the architects and engineers on the project.

Out of 16 bidders, Sebastian Construction Co. of Houston was low for the building at $1,926,000, 3.7% under the engineers' estimate. Included in the low bid was: Electrical work at $145,000, plumbing at $84,000, heating, ventilating and air-conditioning at $20,000.

Westinghouse Electric Corp. was the low of four bidders on the elevators at $124,067.

Bidding ranged up to $2,448,750 for the building, $127,354 for the elevators. On completion time, the bidding ranged from a low of 330 to a high of 600 days. The contract time is 365 calendar days.

The building is fireproof and the below grade levels contain an exhaust system.

Lighting is with shielded fluorescent type, pendant-mounted fixtures.

Elevators will be automatic, with 2,000 lb capacity, 300 fpm speed, and set to stop at seven levels.

The exterior at ground level will be ¼ in. polished plate glass in aluminum frames and stone facing to match the existing, adjoining Hermann Professional Building. Upper walls on all four sides and above roof levels are faced with aluminum panels.

Substructure and frame are reinforced concrete grade beams, piers, footings and columns. Membrane waterproofing is on walls below grade, and on the slab below sub-basement floors.

Floors are cast-in-place metal-pan construction supported on concrete columns. Use of belled footings, up to 190 in. in diameter, the largest ever drilled in the Houston area, are estimated to have resulted in a considerable saving over spread footings.

Space was divided like this:

Level No.	No. of Cars	Parking Area sq ft	Sq ft per Car
−2	128	47,949	375
−1½	41	16,635	406
−1	124	47,949	387
−½	29	16,635	574
1 (Rental space)	none	11,161	
1½	39	21,731	558
2	125	47,949	384
2½	43	16,635	387
3	125	47,949	384
3½	43	16,635	387
4	125	47,949	384
4½ (Roof)	43	16,635	387
5 (Roof)	125	47,949	384
Total parking	990	392,620	397
Total space		436,781	

A summary of bid prices shows:

Structure	Low	Aver	High
Sq ft/car/floor	375	396	574
Cost per sq ft	$4.41	$4.885	$5.61
per stall	$1,746	$1,934	$3,220
Completion time, cal days	330		600
Elevator	**Low**	**Average**	**High**
Cost per elevator per floor	$4,431	$4,478	$4,548
per stall	$125	$127	$129
Stalls per elevator	.....	292.5	.....

Cost Index Slide Rule

A six-inch circular slide rule, with built-in projection for reading Prof. W. L. Nelson's Petroleum Refinery Construction Cost Index from 1947 to April 1957, has been developed by the cost engineers of Chemical Construction Corp., New York. It is called "Chemico Cost Projector" and is printed on plastic. Its price, $2.00.

Besides the cost index readings with the aid of a moving pointer arm it carries a capacity ratio scale and standard slide rule scales on its perimeter. Examples show how to use it.

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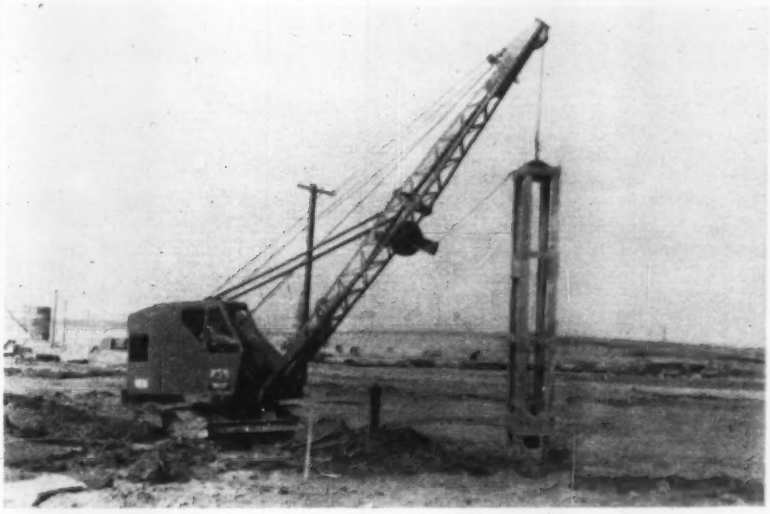

Tamper Attachment for Small Power Crane

A specially designed tamper attachment for its complete line of power cranes and excavators has been announced by Schield Bantam Co.

The addition of the tamper attachment brings to 10 the number of units made for crawler-mounted, or self-propelled model Bantams.

An outstanding feature of the new tamper, according to the manufacturer, is the fact that it offers 80% to 100% compaction at a maximum penetration of three feet. With this tamper method, it is claimed that only three full-lead passes at a given point in average ground will bring full compaction. Schield Bantam Co., Waverly, Iowa.

Small Dredge Designed for Special Jobs

Digging in close quarters, as here in the Xochimilco canals near Mexico City (see also ENR Jan. 9, p. 67), is one of the things that a new small dredge can do readily.

In addition, it can operate in very shallow water, is a completely self-contained and self-propelled unit and has a high output for its 8 in. discharge size.

Designated as a "swinging ladder" type, and known as the "Dragon" model, the new dredge is built so that the cutter head and its supporting ladder move independently of the hull, eliminating the need for wide swinging room. It can thus work in a channel

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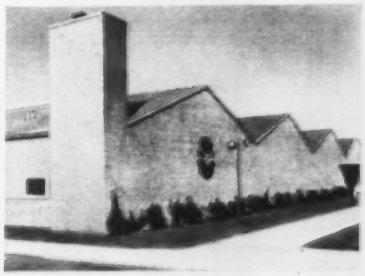

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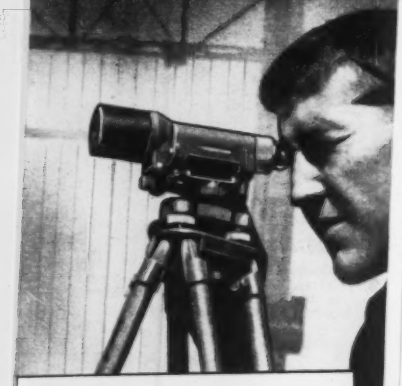

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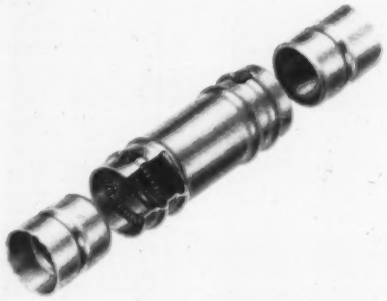
only 13 ft wide compared with the 30 ft said to be needed for conventional 8 in. dredges.

Another feature of the dredge is a power-operated suspended discharge pipe that can be trained to discharge over either bank of a canal or can be attached to a pontoon-supported pipeline. Excavation with the new machine can be carried down to 8 ft below the water surface.

Depending on the type of the material encountered the dredge's digging capacity is said to vary between 50 and 100 cu yd per hour. ELLICOTT MACHINE CORP., BALTIMORE, MD.

Spring-Coupled Pipe Requires No Threads

A new industrial pressure pipe called Ames Positive-Lock requires no threaded connections or sealing compounds. According to the manufacturer, the product provides an airtight and watertight seal while transmitting at pressures up to 1,500 psi either liquids or semi-solids.



Connections are through a coupler, a short section of aluminum or steel pipe containing the locking device and a neoprene ring. A length of pipe is inserted into each end of the coupler

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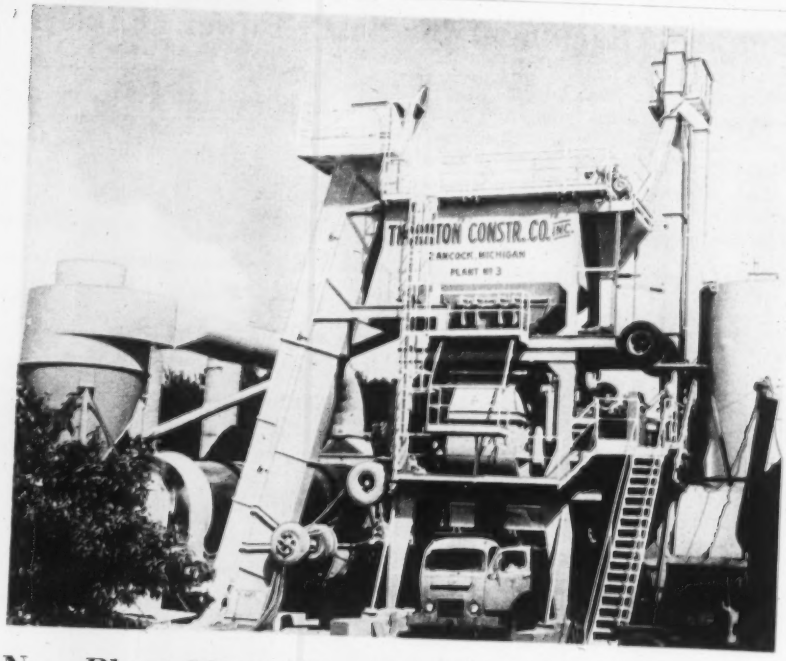


New Plant Mixes For Mackinac Bridge

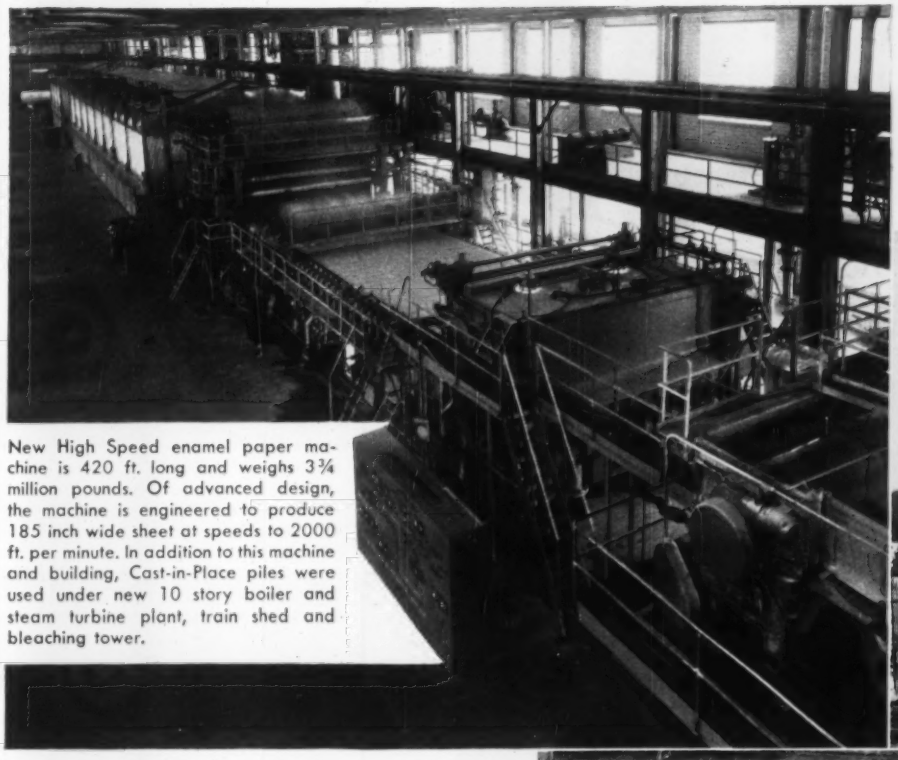
Bigness, complete portability and fast automatic operation are the features claimed by the manufacturers for the new Madsen Model 481 asphalt plant that was used in surfacing Michigan's new Mackinac Bridge.

Capable of turning out more than 200 tons per hour, the plant also is completely portable. Transport wheels are furnished for the screen bin section, mixer weigh-box section, hot stone elevator and dryer.

Fully automatic operation is featured with re-cycling of up to 400 batches. A choice of three mixes can be had.

The plant follows the trend to larger bins with a 4 compartment, 50 ton capacity bin. The weigh box has a gross level full capacity of 120 cu ft and a working capacity of 100 cu ft.

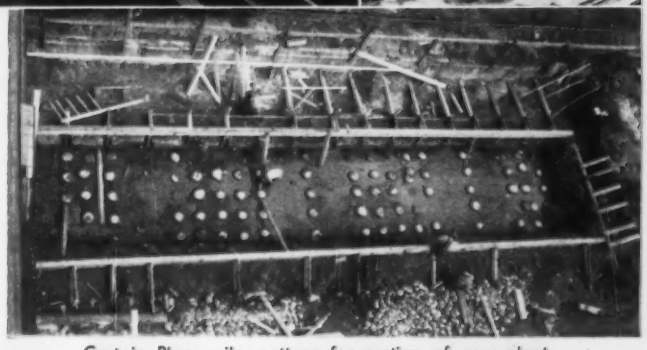
A 96 in. dia by 40 ft long dryer is furnished with the plant. It also is equipped with a 12 ft dia cyclone dust collector to meet air pollution requirements. MADSEN WORKS, 14120 E. ROSECRANS BLVD., LA MIRADA, CALIF.



New High Speed enamel paper machine is 420 ft. long and weighs 3¾ million pounds. Of advanced design, the machine is engineered to produce 185 inch wide sheet at speeds to 2000 ft. per minute. In addition to this machine and building, Cast-in-Place piles were used under new 10 story boiler and steam turbine plant, train shed and bleaching tower.

Cast-in-Place rig places pile close to existing building without danger of vibration damage.

paper production boosted on Cast-in-Place piles



Cast-in-Place pile pattern for section of new plant.
(Photos—courtesy Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.)

In planning new buildings for a 15 million dollar expansion program, Consolidated Water Power & Paper Company was confronted with difficult soil conditions at their Biron, Wisconsin, plant.

Borings indicated the existence of a non-uniform sand, clay, and decomposed granite soil underlain by granite bedrock at irregular depths. A further complication was the periodic rise and fall of the nearby river, causing a fluctuating water table and consequent movement or loss of fines in some areas. Under these conditions, it was considered inadvisable to depend on spread footings for buildings or high-load machine foundations. It was recommended that all loads be transferred directly to bedrock through the use of economical Cast-in-Place INTRUSION mortar piles.

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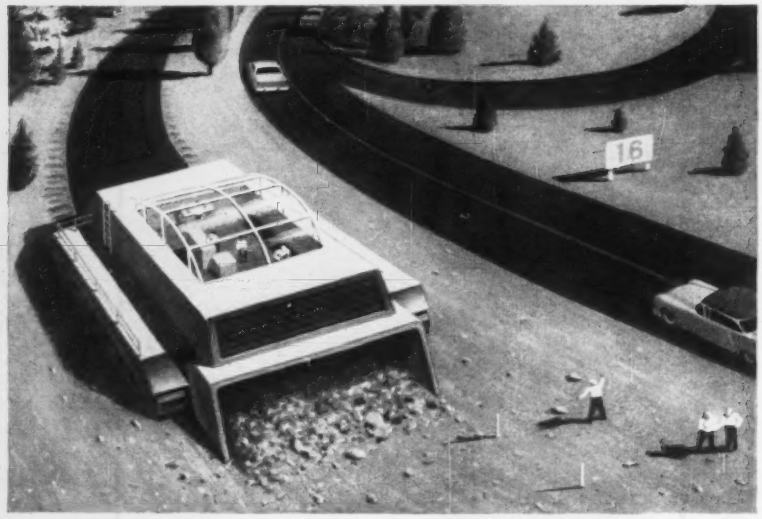

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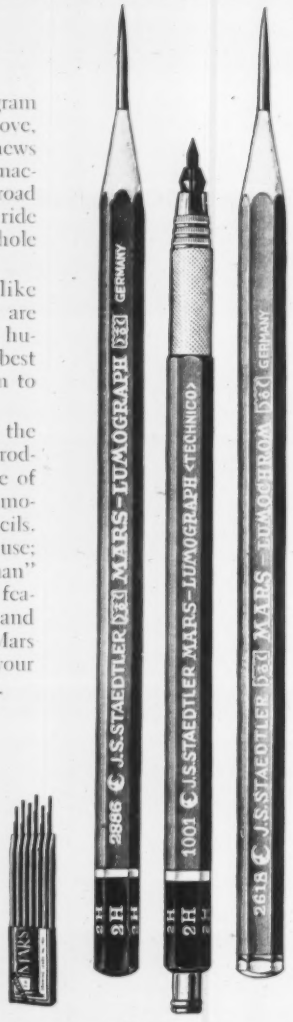

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Hauling Trailer Is Light But Has a Big Capacity

A new 35-ft-long platform trailer, which weighs 7,950 lb, is said to be capable of carrying any legal load under all normal operating conditions.

A newcomer to the Brown trailer line, which previously has included only van-type trailers, the platform unit is said by the company to be an important step in its expansion and diversification program.

Built to replace trailers weighing up to 5,000 lb more, the new trailer gets its strength with light weight from selection of aluminum and special high strength steel alloys, the manufacturer says. The floor has an extruded aluminum center strip, with 5/4 tongue and groove fir flooring at the sides and front. Rope tie hooks on the longeron help to tie down the load, or to batten down a tarpaulin to protect the load. Cast aluminum stake pockets along the length of the unit are standard on the platform trailer and are provided unless otherwise stipulated. Brown Trailer, Inc., Box 54, Spokane, Wash.

Operator Walks or Rides On Concrete Power Buggy

A concrete power buggy that allows the operator to either walk or ride on a fold-down platform now is available. The manufacturers says the buggy is compact, lightweight and extremely maneuverable—with a low center of gravity giving it fast cornering ability.

The new unit has a capacity of 10 cu ft of concrete that is placed with a positive-control dumping mechanism. It has front-wheel chain drive, automatic clutch with forward and reverse drive. Speed is up to 5 mph. Wheeleman Manufacturing Co., 13020 Pierce St., Pacoima, Calif.

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Demolition tools—A 24 page illustrated bulletin titled "Accessories for Demolition and Digging Tools" features a complete line of digging tools and accessories. One section deals with safety tools for places where sparks can't be tolerated. The bulletin, which describes 16 variations of digging and demolition tools and 64 accessories, includes a page on reforging, sharpening and proper method of hardening the tools. INGERSOLL-RAND CO., 11 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

Bucket drilling—"Methods Manual" is the title of a 16 page booklet that illustrates and describes bucket drilling as a method of excavating for tank burial, foundations, manholes, cesspools, soil tests and other digging jobs. CALWELD, INC., 7222 E. SLAUSON AVE., LOS ANGELES 22, CALIF.

Fork lift truck—Engineering principles involved in production of a fork lift truck and analysis of the individual components that go into the finished product are included in an illustrated brochure on materials handling equipment. Title is "What Makes Towmotor Tick." TOWMOTOR CORP., 1226 E. 152ND ST., CLEVELAND 10, OHIO.

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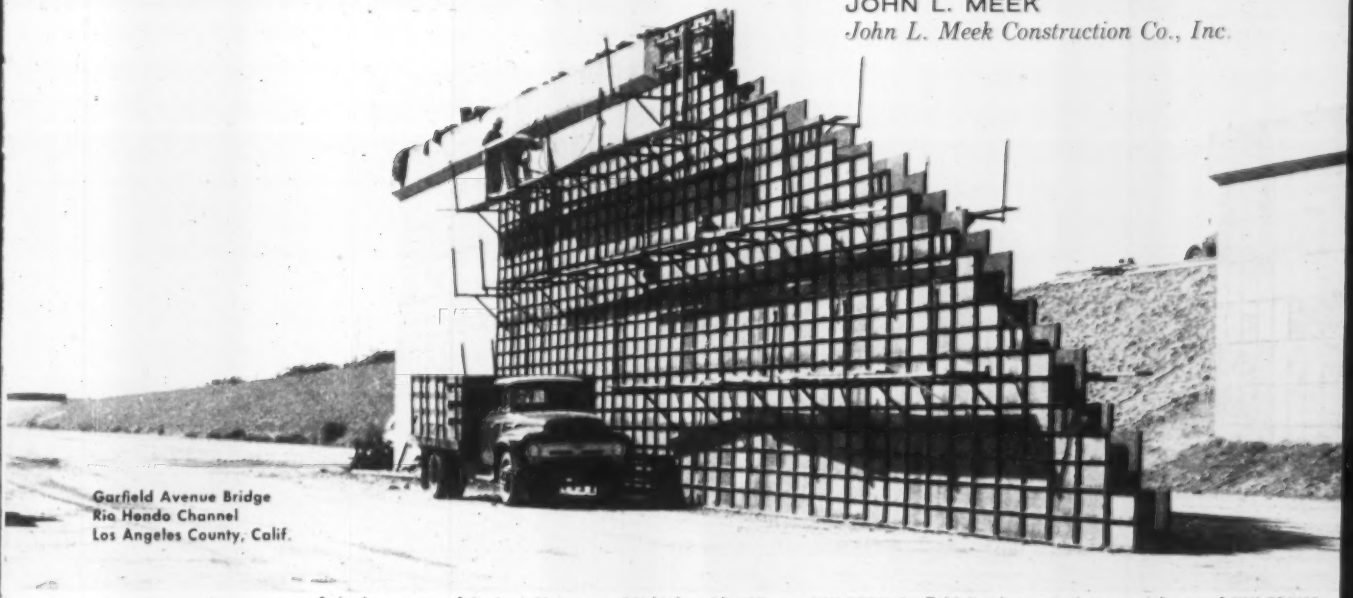

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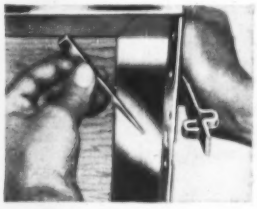

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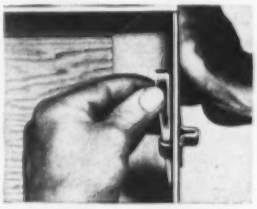

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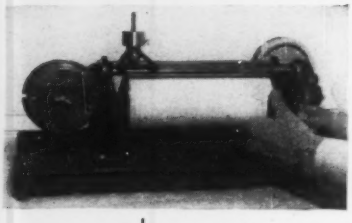

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Suit for Extra Work

Sub awarded judgment for reasonable value

Where a subcontractor, with the knowledge and consent of the general contractor, has had to correct deficiencies of previous subs, and completion of the subcontract has been prevented arbitrarily by the general contractor, the subcontractor has been allowed to recover for the extra work on the basis of its fair and reasonable value.

The action was brought against a general contractor under the Miller Act to recover for materials and labor supplied by plastering subcontractors on a government project.

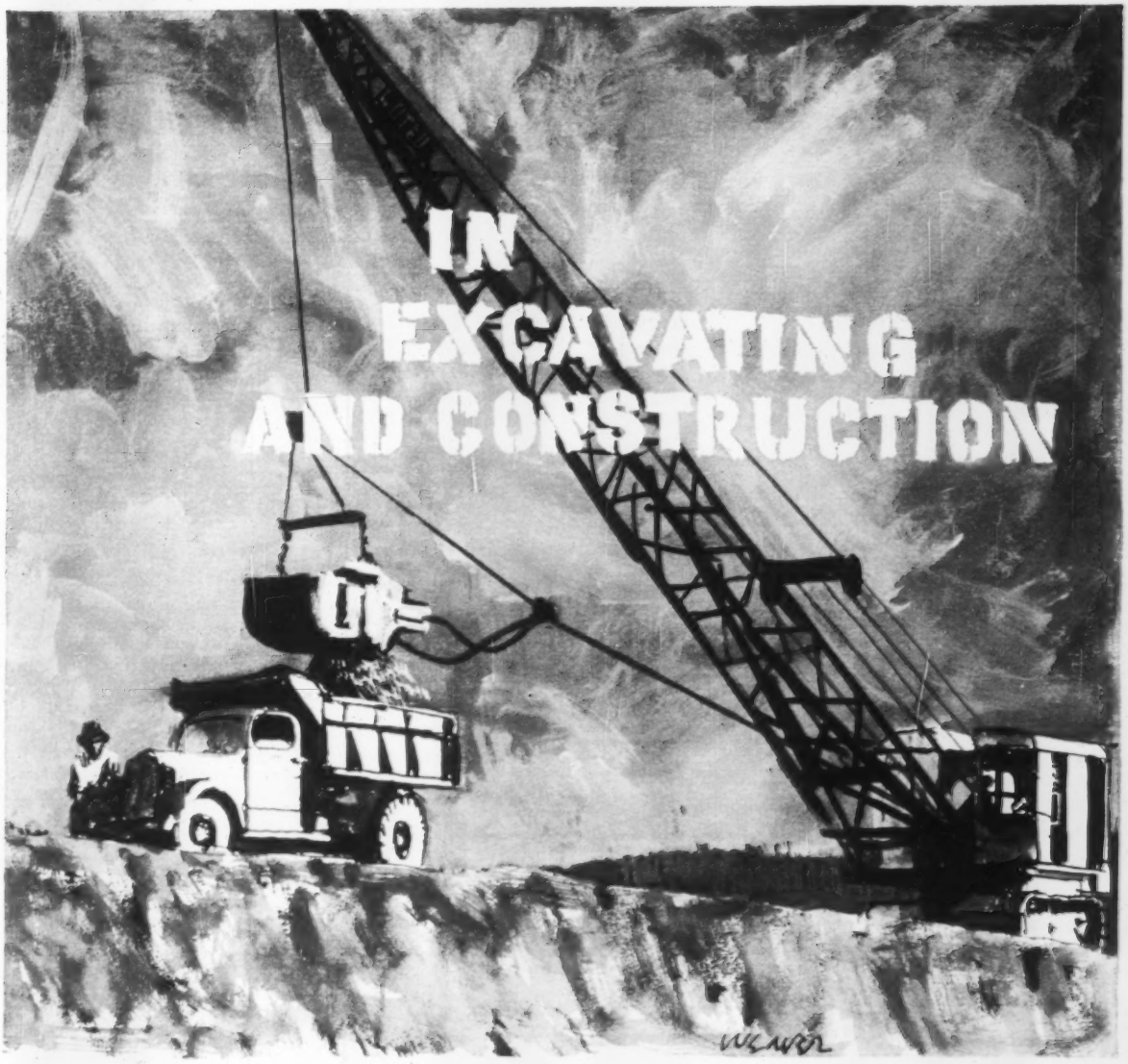
The trial court awarded the subcontractors a judgment upon a finding that the prime contractor had wrongfully prevented the subs from performing their contract and had failed to compensate the subs for extra work and materials furnished. The judgment was affirmed on appeal.[1]

The subcontract provided that all work to be done under it was to be performed to the satisfaction of the prime contractor and the government, and the prime contractor contended that it was justified in terminating the subcontract because the work was not being done to its satisfaction.

The appellate court held that the evidence justified a finding by the trial court that the claim that the work was not being satisfactorily performed was not made in good faith.

"The subcontract," according to the appellate court, "provided that the appellees (subcontractors) were not required to perform any extra work on the job until they received a confirming order for such work from the general contractor. While the appellants did give the appellees general authorization to perform all extra work necessary to correct the deficiencies of prior subcontractors, the district court found that the appellants (prime contractors) arbitrarily refused to agree to pay appellees reasonable compensation for it. Under these circumstances the district court's conclusion that the arbitration clause in the subcontract did not come into operation was not erroneous.

"The appellants contend that the district court was in error in awarding judgment for the value of the extra work done by the appellees in the absence of proof that they could have completed the regular work called for by the subcontract at a profit. The ap-



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pellants rely for this position upon the rule in Ohio that recovery in quantum meruit (basis of fair and reasonable value) will not be granted when the plaintiff would have lost more by fully performing at the contract price than by not performing. Cleveland Co. v. Standard Amusement Co., 1921, 103 Ohio St. 382, 133 N. E. 615; Wellston Coal Co. v. Franklin Paper Co., 1897, 57 Ohio St. 182, 48 N. E. 888. See Allen, Heaton & McDonald, Inc., v. Castle Farm Amusement Co., 1949, 151 Ohio St. 522, 86 N. E. 2d 782. That rule, however, has no application where, as here, recovery is sought for work done over and above that called for by the contract."

(1) D. H. Dave, Inc. v Delia Plastering Co., 243 F. 2d 732, U. S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, April 30, 1957.

Agreement to Arbitrate Not Avoided by Lawsuit

A general contractor sued by a homeowner for defects in a subcontractor's work cannot avoid arbitration of his dispute with the sub merely by citing the sub as a third party defendant.

In reaching this conclusion, a New York court had before it a suit for defective performance against the general contractor who built the house. Claimed defects related to the work of a subcontractor.

The general contractor served a third-party complaint against the sub asking for judgment against the sub if the homeowner was awarded damages against the general contractor.

The contract between the general contractor and the subcontractor contained the following provision: "All questions that may arise under this contract and in the performance of the work thereunder, shall be submitted to arbitration at the choice of the parties hereto." After the general contractor had served the third-party complaint against the subcontractor, the latter applied to the court for an order staying the action and demanding that the dispute be settled by arbitration as provided for in the contract. The court granted the application of the subcontractor.[1]

The court held that the general contractor could not circumvent the provisions of the subcontract as to arbitration of disputes by making the subcontractor a third-party in the action brought by the owner against the general contractor. "It is no answer," the court said, "that the litigation between the owner and the contractor may be resolved at law, and that therefore the controversy between the contractor and the subcontractor should also be deter-

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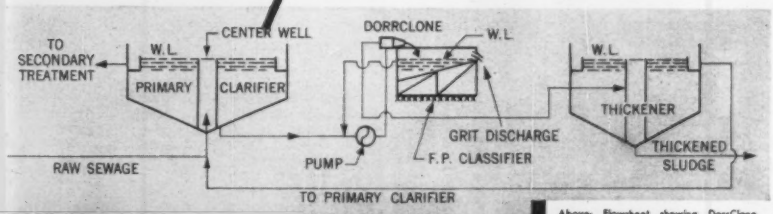

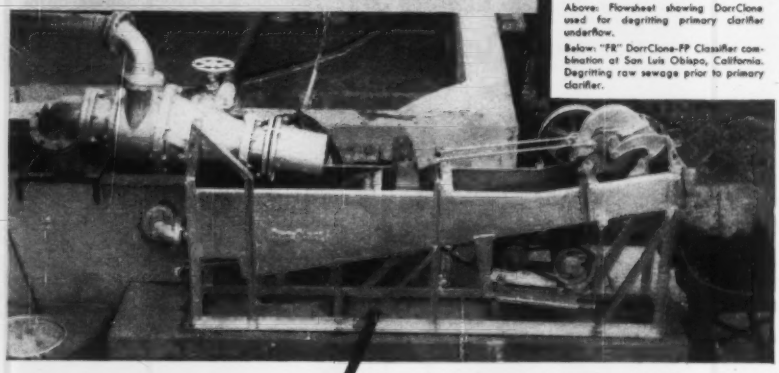

Above: Flowsheet showing DorrClone used for degritting primary clarifier underflow.
Below: "FR" DorrClone-FP Classifier combination at San Luis Obispo, California. Degritting raw sewage prior to primary clarifier.

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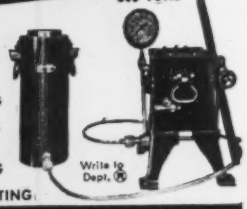

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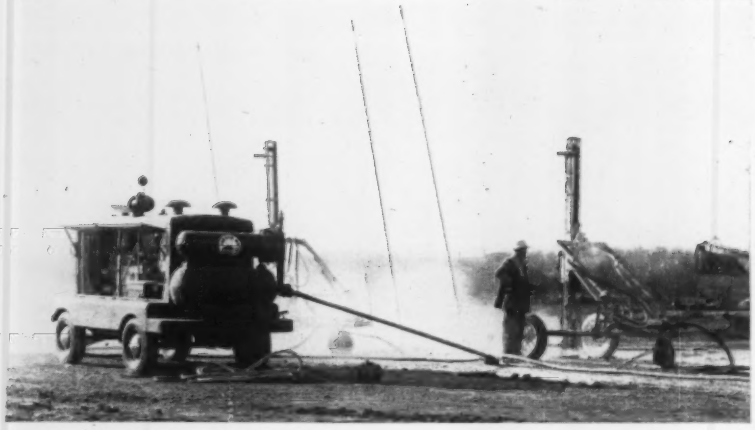

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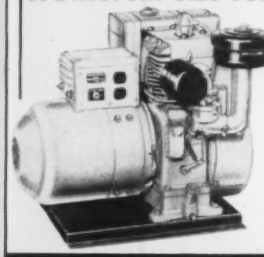

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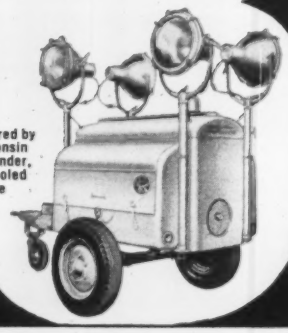

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(1) Knolls Co-Operative, Inc. v. Hennessy, 150 N.Y.S. 2d 713.

Surety Held Not Liable For Loans for Labor Pay

A bank that has loaned money to a contractor for the purpose of paying for labor has no claim against the surety that has furnished the performance bond.

The point was discussed recently by the Supreme Court of Maine in the following case.

P. E. Susi & Co., on November 5, 1952, entered into a contract with the State Highway Commission of Maine, to supply all equipment, appliances tools, labor and materials required for the construction of part of a road. The contractor furnished a performance bond. As the work progressed, the contractor borrowed money from a bank with which to meet its payrolls. The loan was not repaid and the bank instituted a proceeding to determine whether the surety was liable to the bank for the money advanced by it to the contractor to meet its payrolls. The court held that the surety company was only liable to the parties who had furnished the labor and materials.(1)

The surety bond provided for the performance of the work and for the payment in full of all bills and accounts for material and labor used in the work and all other things contracted for or used in connection with the contract. Quoting from 43 Am. Jur., page 885, Sec. 144, the court stated: "Ordinarily, such bonds must be conditioned not only for faithful performance of the contract of indemnification of the obligee municipality or public body, but also for the payment of the claims of laborers and materialmen performing services and supplying materials in the prosecution of the work."

The court indicated that at the time the surety bond was furnished, the surety company had no knowledge of the loans nor was there any assignment to the bank by the laborers or materialmen. Under such circumstances, the court held that the bank had no claim against the surety company for loans made to the contractor.

(1) Newport Trust Company v. Susi, 134 A. 2d 543, Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, August 30, 1957.

These summaries of court decisions are prepared by I. Vernon Werbin, New York attorney and civil engineer.

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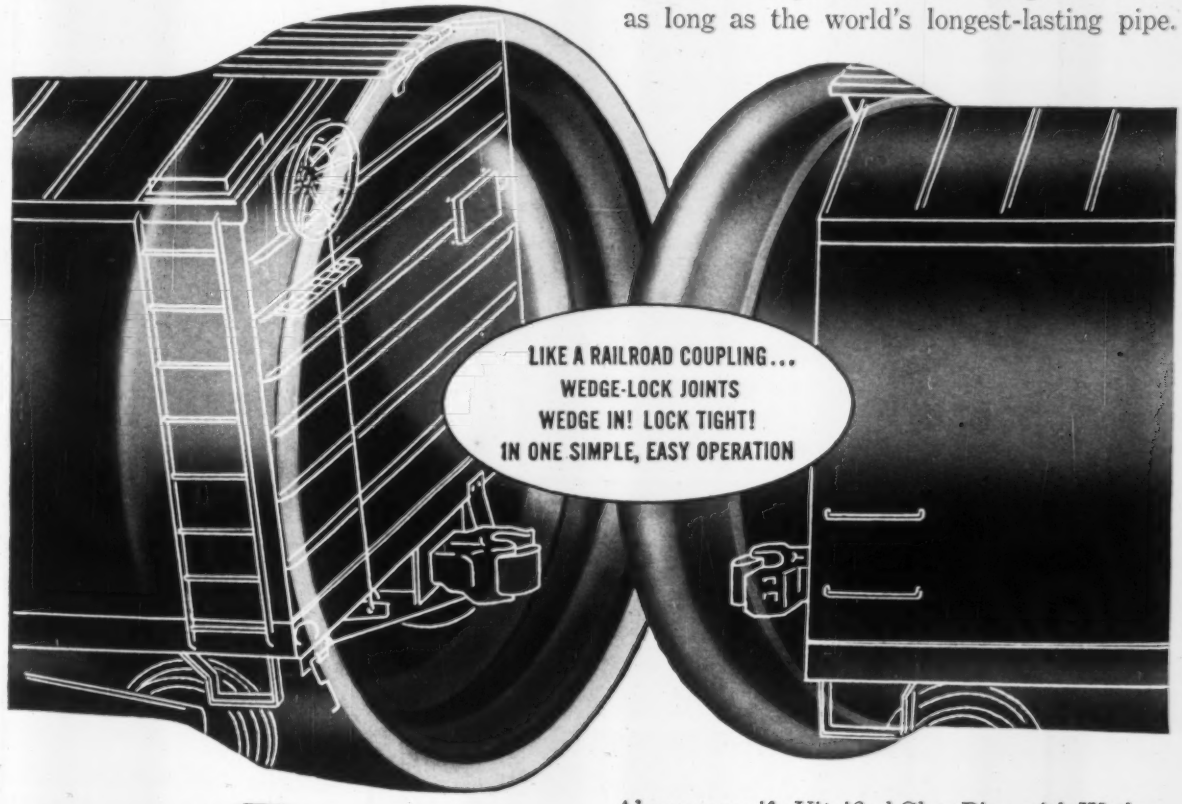

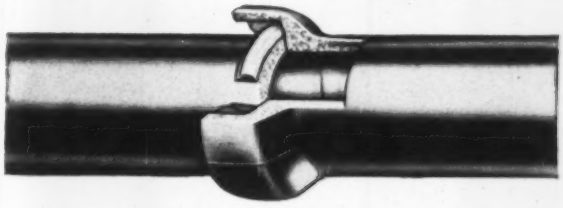

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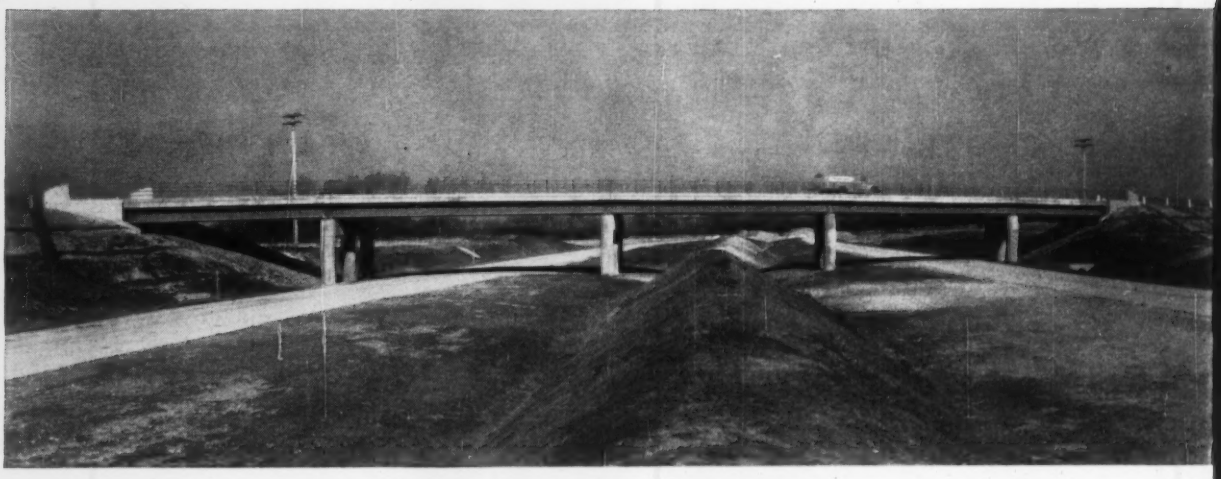

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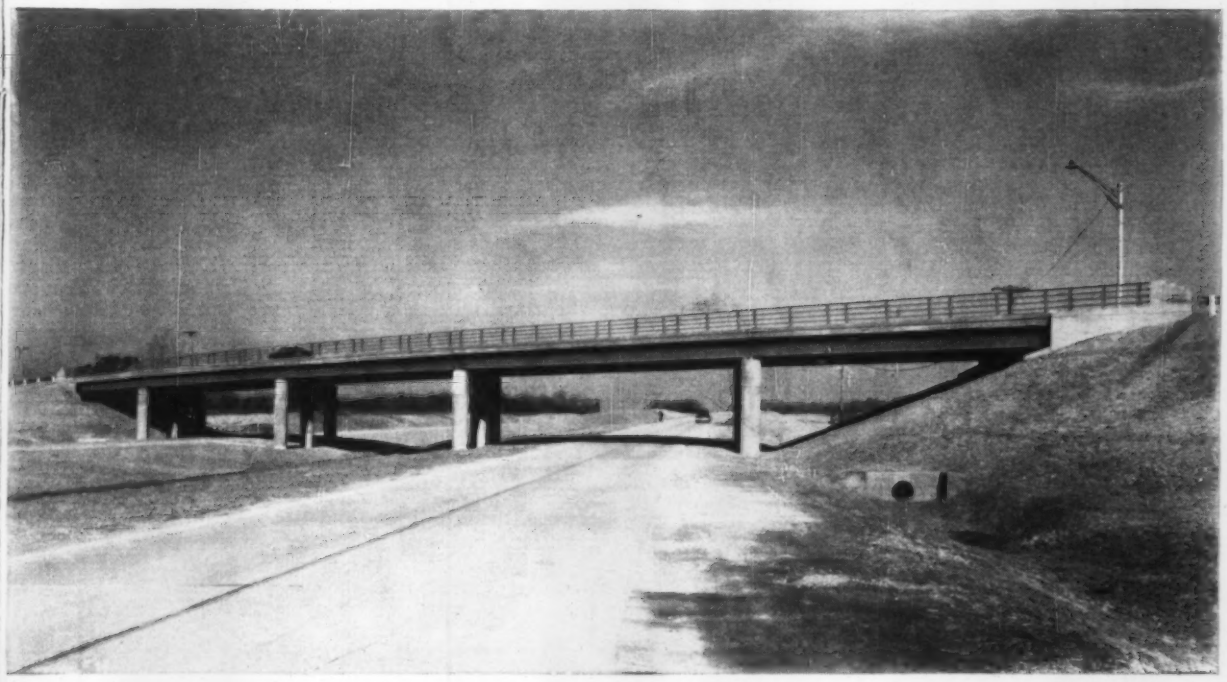

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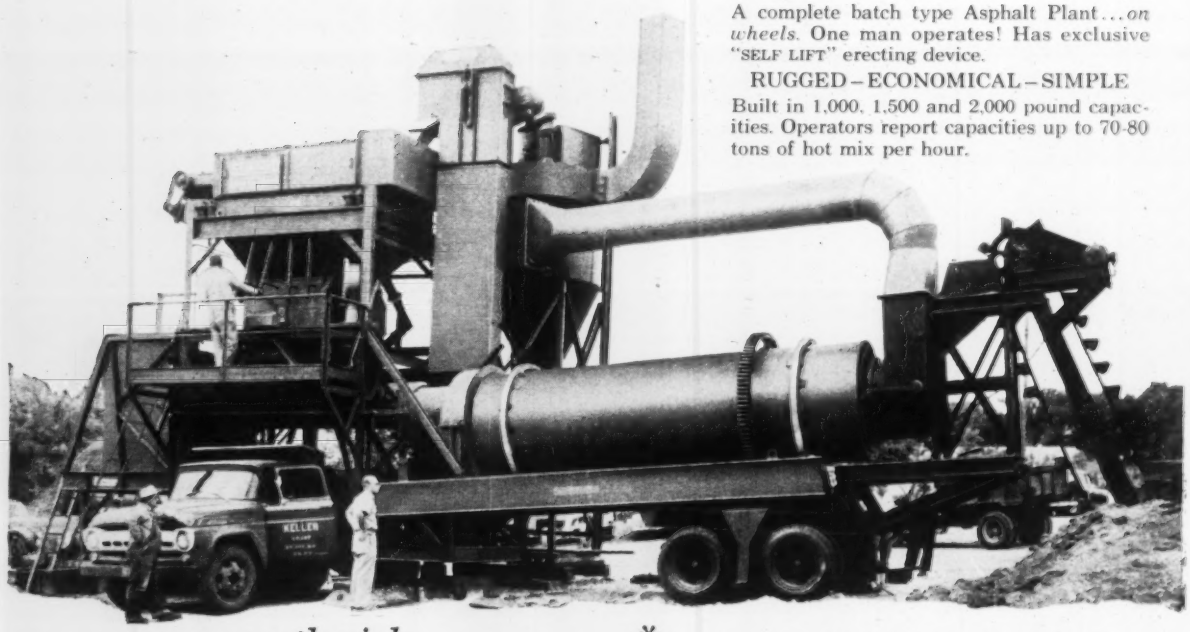

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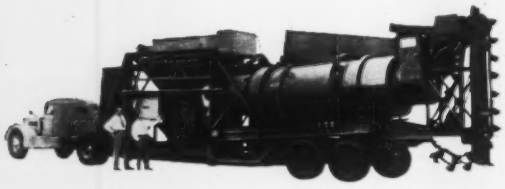

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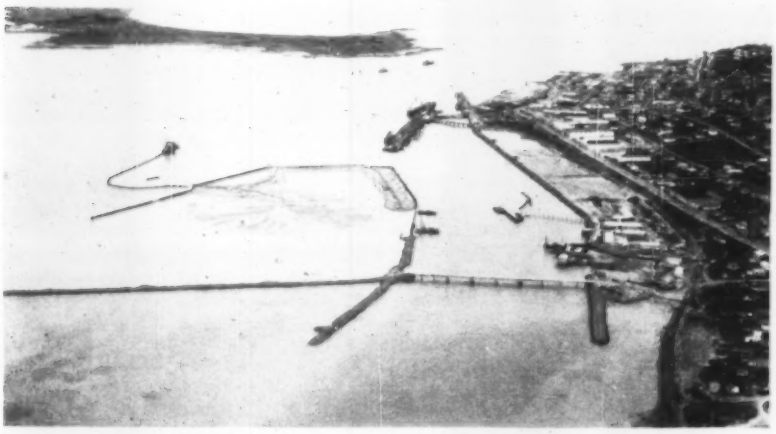
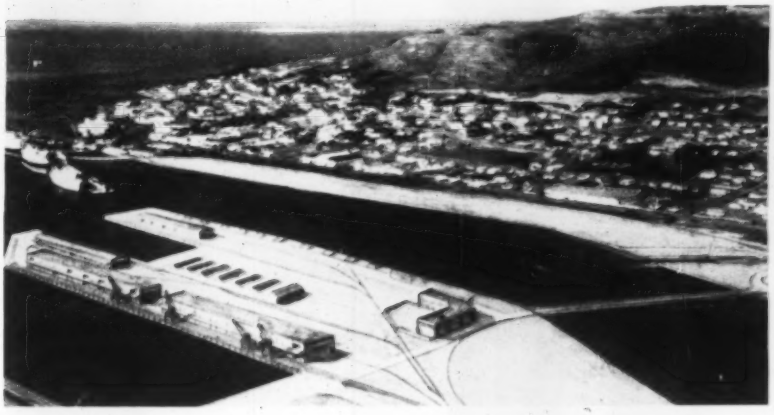


New Zealanders Dredge Up an Island . . .



. . . To Create New Ship-Berth Area

A sand fill is being dredged into the harbor of Bluff on the South Island of New Zealand, to create more ship-berthing space. And the walls enclosing the fill afford an opportunity to study load effects as dredging proceeds.

An 84 acre island is being created to make space for five new berths initially at a cost of $9 million. Work on this phase started in August, 1956, and is due for completion in 1960.

Bluff Harbor is a natural 14,000 acre expanse of water, with minimum channel drafts maintained at 21 ft. It affords ample water area for shipping, but its rocky shoreline makes construction of berthing facilities particularly difficult near shore.

The decision to dredge up an island was made by the Bluff Harbor Board's Chief Engineer D. E. S. Mason. Noel Gedye is the design engineer, and the constructors are four French companies.

A convenient sandbar 100 yd from one end of the existing main wharf was chosen as site for the man-made island. And to avoid unduly disturbing existing flows and siltation patterns in the harbor, it was decided to build a bridge to this new island, rather than a fill causeway. A 590 ft reinforced concrete rail and highway bridge will be constructed.

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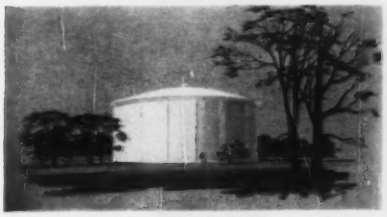

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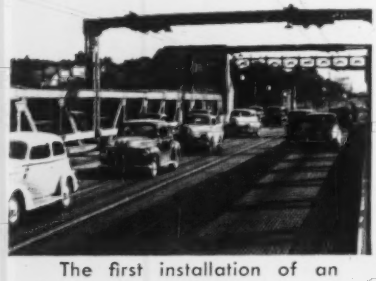

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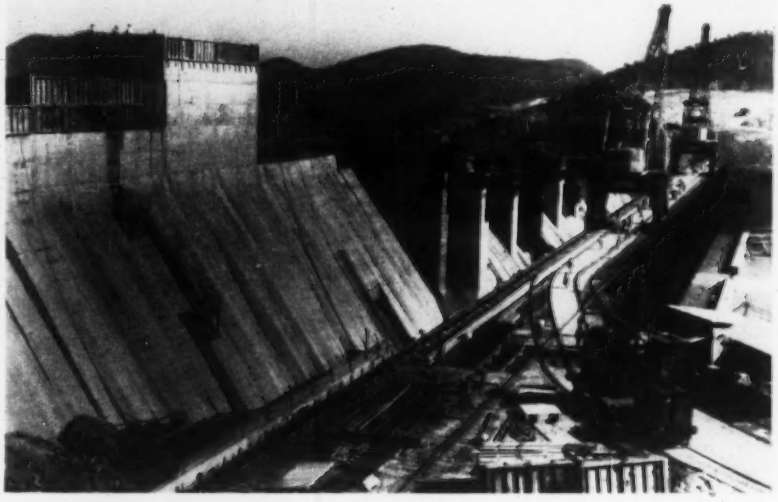

Maithon Dam in India's TVA Is Completed

One of the first dams in India to be constructed by all-Indian forces using mechanized construction equipment was recently dedicated. It is 162 ft high Maithon Dam, the fifth major structure to be completed of six that form the $200 million first phase of India's TVA—the Damodar Valley Project. The last and largest structure, Panchet Hill Dam, a 3 mile earthfill 133 ft high, is scheduled for completion this year.

Completion of Maithon represents a notable conquest for Indian dambuilders over a difficult diversion situation and some rather poor rock encountered during excavation of penstocks and an underground powerhouse, the first such in East Asia. The dam comprises a 2,060 ft rolled earthfill across the main channel of the Barakar River (just upstream from its confluence with Damodar), a 618 ft concrete spillway on the right bank across a diversion channel, and 12,500 ft of flanking earth embankments. The main earth dam rests on a deposit of sand and silt a maximum of 70 ft above bedrock through which one row of steel sheetpiling is driven as a cutoff.

• **Early challenge**—Construction was highlighted by the concurrent excavation of 1.5 million cu yd of earth and rock for the spillway channel and placement of 2.5 million cu yd of earth in the main channel in an eight month period. After a diversion tunnel had been driven in a hill on the left bank to accommodate the first year's dry weather flow, the Indians had eight months to bring the main embankment up to a level that would not be flooded during the monsoon season and to prepare the diversion channel on the right bank to pass the monsoon discharge.

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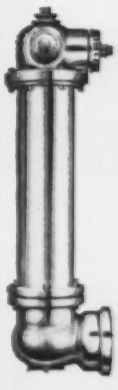

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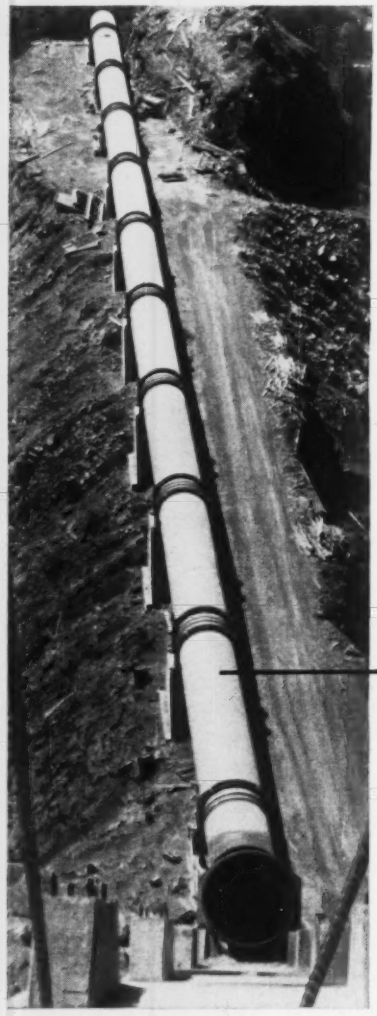

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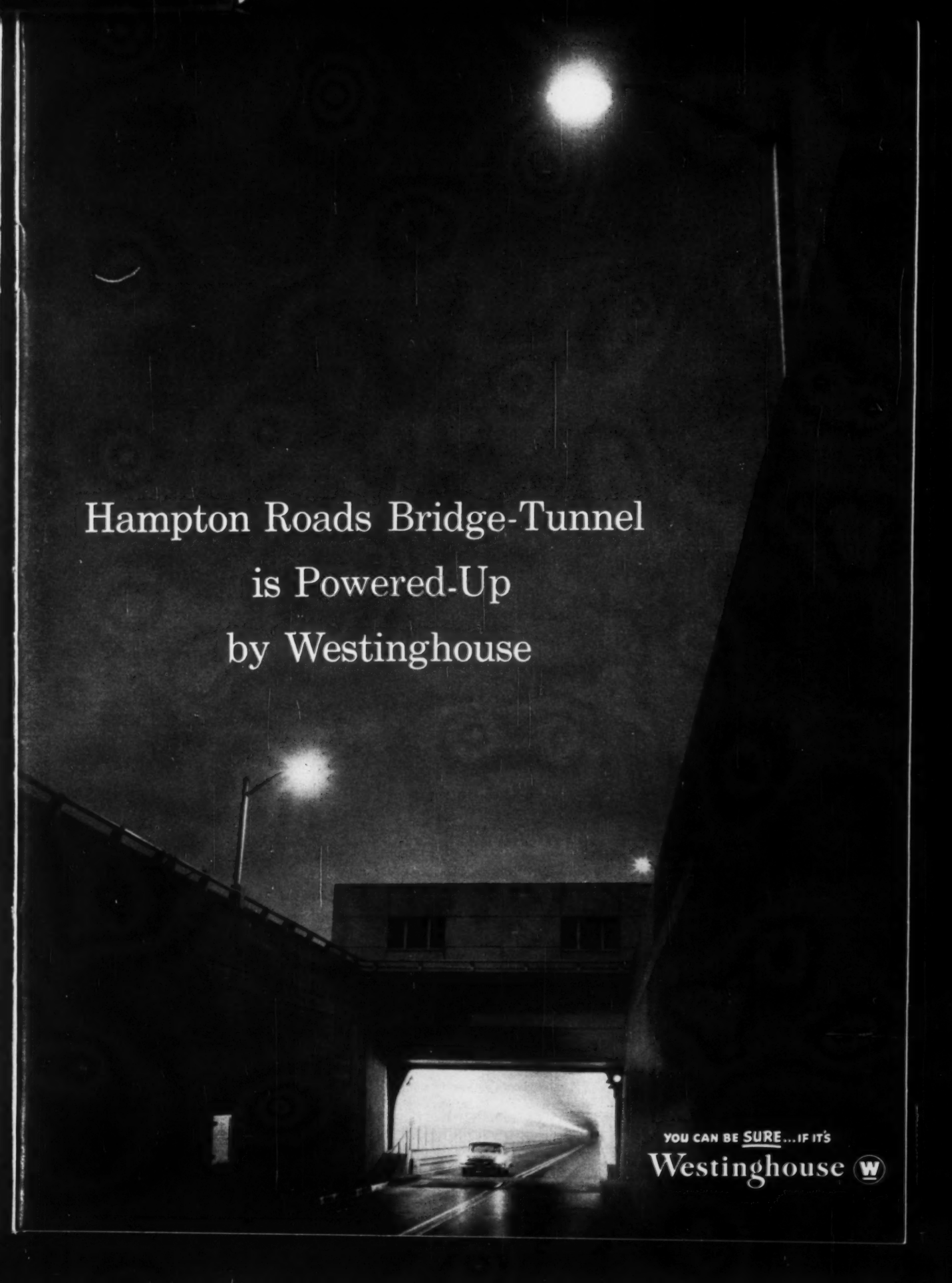
Water seepage and loose rock plagued the penstock excavation. Extensive grouting counteracted the former difficulty, while the huge boulders that kept falling in the tower intake work area finally were stabilized by scaling and air-placed concrete.

Maithon Dam, for flood control and irrigation as well as power, was built by the Damodar Valley Corp. at a cost of $35 million (164 million rupees). DVC, equivalent in many respects to the Tennessee Valley Authority, is developing the entire 330 mile long valley that terminates in the port city of Calcutta on the eastern side of the Indian peninsula (ENR April 12, 1956, p. 53 and May 24, 1951, p. 33).

Canadian Contractors Ask Changes in Tax Policies

Canadian contractors, represented by the Canadian Construction Association, are asking the government to change its tax policies for construction companies.

The CCA wants contractors to have a choice in how they report profits from unfinished contracts in income tax returns. It believes that they should have the option of using either the "completion" or "progress" method of reporting these profits. The option currently is restricted to contracts completed within two years. The CCA, in the same brief, asked that holdbacks, or retainage, not be considered "income" by the National Revenue Department until payment actually is received by the company. The final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Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Links Virginia Peninsula with Norfolk

Westinghouse Electrical Equipment is Used Throughout

The bridge-tunnel recently opened across Hampton Roads, between Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia, features many "firsts" in engineering and construction. Among the most interesting of these are the specially engineered uses of electrical power for illumination, ventilation and other required services.

Both bridge and land approaches to the new 7,479-foot portal-to-portal tunnel are lighted with Westinghouse OV-20 mercury vapor luminaires, controlled from the central control panel. The interior of the tunnel is lighted with special Westinghouse fluorescent luminaires—employing enough fluorescent tubes to provide a single uninterrupted light line three miles long. Double rows of these fixtures provide high-intensity lighting at the tunnel portals, while the central portion of the tunnel uses a single row of lights on each side. Lighting intensities at both tunnel openings are controlled in relation to the daylight or darkness outside, so no abrupt visual adjustments to varying light conditions are required when entering or leaving tunnel. Special Westinghouse saturable reactors and controls were developed to provide this important lighting technique. The entire length of tunnel is so well illuminated that motorists will be able to switch off their lights while driving through it.

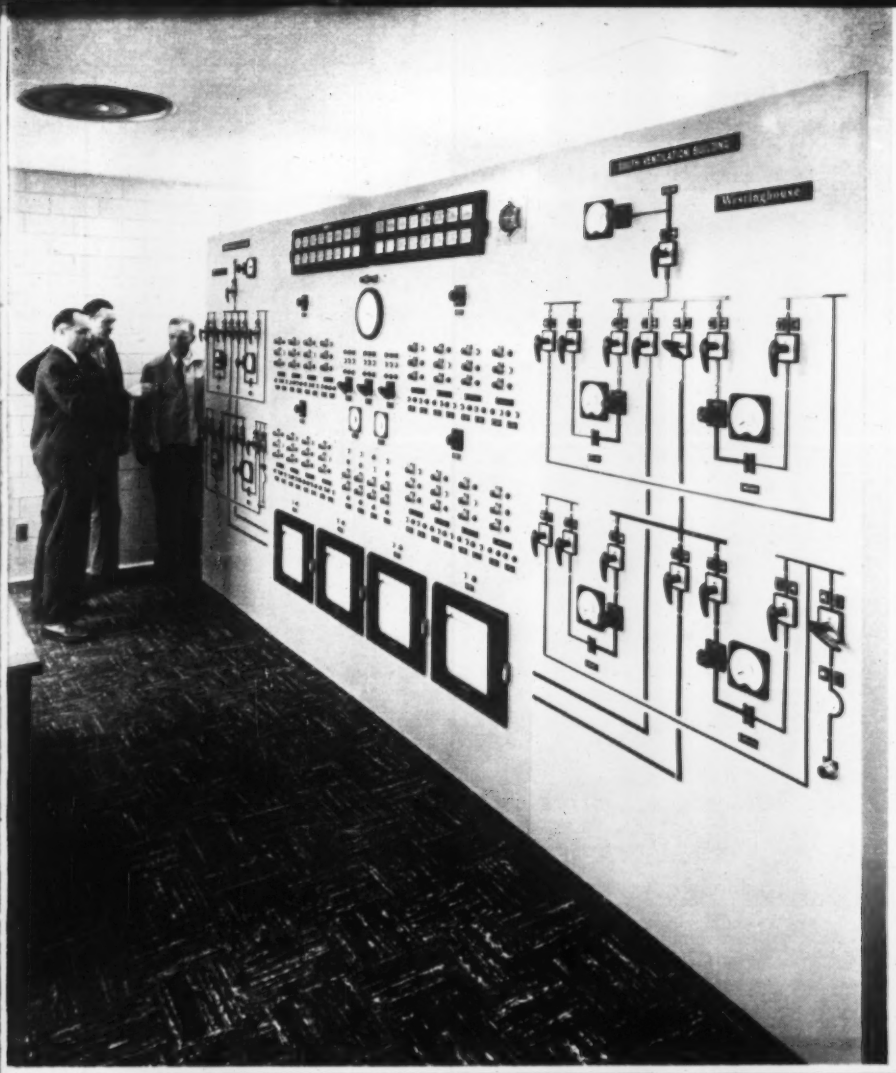
Special Westinghouse equipment controls sixteen vane-axial ventilating fans, eight at each end of tunnel, with a total circulating capacity of 3,408,000 cubic feet of air per minute. Eight fans supply fresh air to tunnel while the other eight exhaust contaminated air. Pitch of fan blades is variable and remotely controlled to permit accurate regulation of air volume handled by each fan. All fan operation is coordinated and controlled at central control board where four carbon monoxide recorders provide a constant check on the concentration of this gas throughout entire length of tunnel.

The entire electrical power requirement of tunnel

(cont'd)

Tunnel is lighted with special Westinghouse fluorescent luminaires installed in protective tubes of pyrex glass. Special bronze fixtures were provided by Westinghouse to mount lights and protective tubes and to facilitate cleaning and replacement.

Intensities of tunnel lighting are varied by means of saturable reactors. Also included in installation are lighting supply transformers and constant current regulators to control bridge and approach lighting. View of transformer room shows John L. Taylor of E. C. Ernst, Inc., Electrical Subcontractors and Engineers, and William G. Phillips, Westinghouse Service Engineer. J-94089



A Westinghouse special master tunnel control board allows operator to supervise tunnel operation from central point. Both tunnel illumination and ventilation are controlled from this board. Ventilating rates can be adjusted by varying number of supply and exhaust fans in operation and by changing fan speed and blade pitch to increase or decrease fan capacities. Also incorporated are alarm indicators, carbon monoxide recorders, time switches and other indicating and control devices. M. B. Trimble, Westinghouse Construction Sales Engineer; James McMahan, Bridge-Tunnel Superintendent, Virginia Department of Highways; and Harry D. Mahoney, Engineer, Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald, Consulting Engineers, discuss control board.

Westinghouse double-ended power centers utilize 1000-kva Inerteen®-immersed power transformers. Incoming power service enters metal-clad switchgear located between step-down transformers. Close-coupled to transformer secondaries are low-voltage switchgear assemblies, special fan control cubicles and control centers for tunnel auxiliaries.

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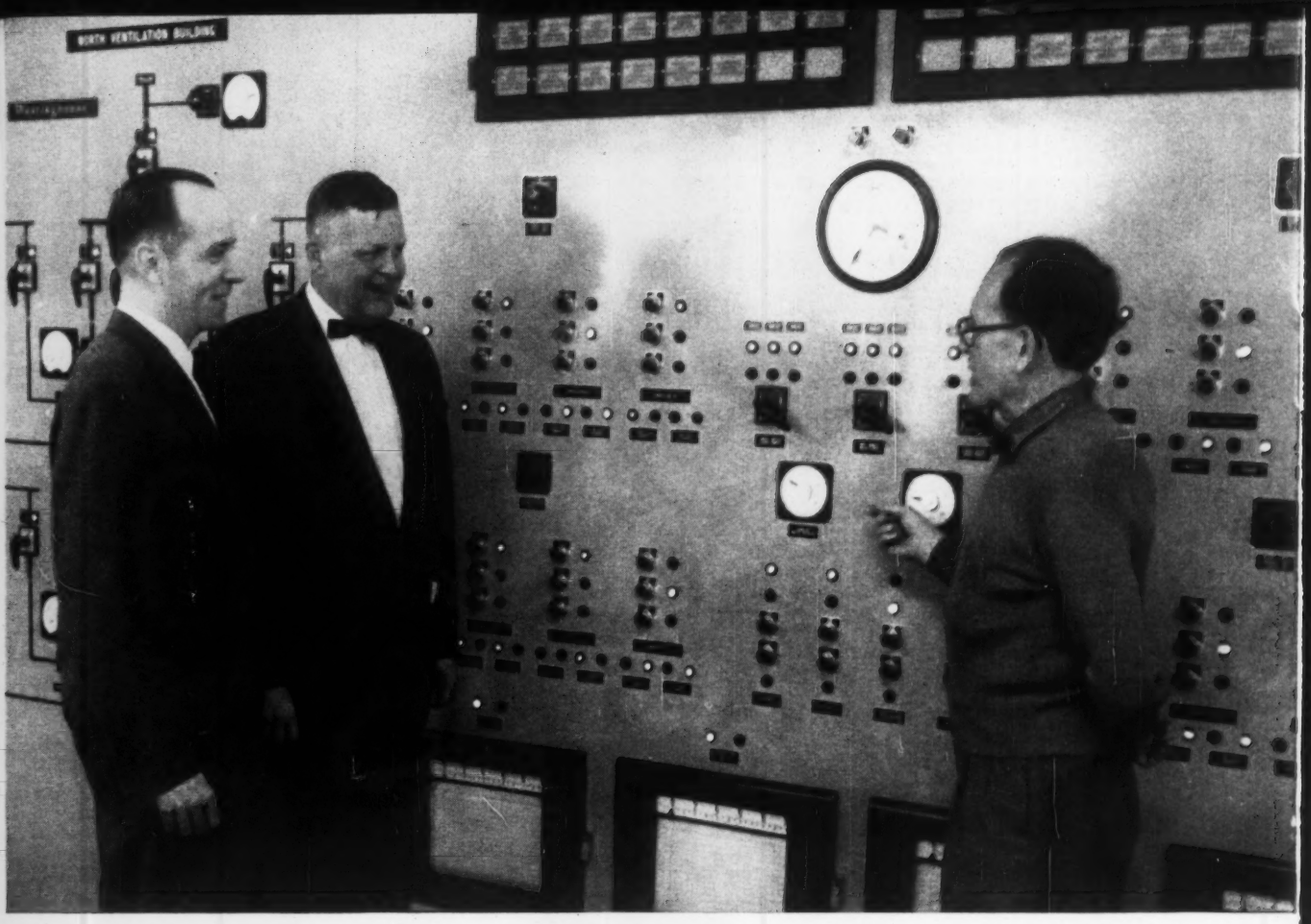

Close-up of center of tunnel control board shows M. B. Trimble, Westinghouse Construction Sales Engineer, with Maurice N. Quade and J. O. Bickel of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald, Consulting Engineers, Designers and Supervisors.

is supplied through four identical Westinghouse 2000-kva power centers, two in each ventilation building on man-made islands at each end of tunnel.

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Bridge approach to south end of Hampton Roads Tunnel. Illumination for both approaches is provided by Westinghouse OV-20 mercury vapor luminaires controlled by time switches and photoelectric relays.

Owner: Commonwealth of Virginia—Department of Highways

Consulting Engineers: Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald

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recommendation in this brief was that the department "remove its unrealistic present distinction between unit price and lump sum contracts".

The second brief to the department advocated that the capital cost allowance on contractors' equipment be increased to 50% from the present 30% rate.

Russia and Norway Sign Hydro Power Agreement

Russia and Norway have agreed to build four hydroelectric power stations on the Pats River border between the two countries, it has been reported in SOVIET WEEKLY.

The Russians are to build three stations: 18,000 kw Purnukoski, 17,000 kw Hevoskorski and the 45,000 kw Borisoglebsk. The Norwegian station at Skugfoss is to have a 64,000 kw capacity.

Saudi Arabia To Build First Sewage Treatment Plant

Saudi Arabia's first complete municipal sewage disposal system and treatment plant—for the Persian Gulf port of Dammam—soon will be under way by a local contractor. The Dutch firm of Dorr-Oliver N.V. has been retained to design the plant and supply all required equipment.

The complete system and plant, costing approximately $3.5 million, will cover the city's needs through 1967.

Bids Open For First Stage Of Buenos Aires Port Work

Bids have been asked by the Argentine Port Construction Administration for the first stage of a $22 million project that will modernize Buenos Aires' port facilities.

While the complete project includes construction of piers for the berthing of five ocean liners, present bids covering the most urgent item call for only about $1.1 million to revamp a 3,000 sq yd passenger area.

Montreal Harbor Continues $60 Million Improvement

An estimated $20.9 million will be spent over the next two years improving Montreal's harbor facilities under a two-year-old ($60 million) development program.

Work slated for the next two years includes a new 5 million bushel capacity grain elevator system costing $10.5 million and construction of 1,800 ft of concrete wharves. Work completed to date under the improvement program totals $23.2 million.

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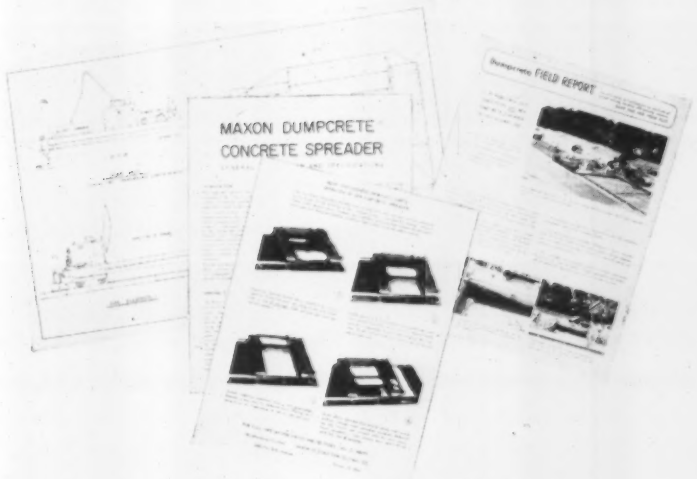

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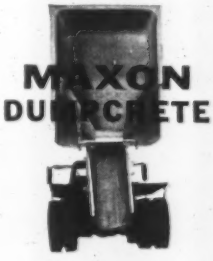

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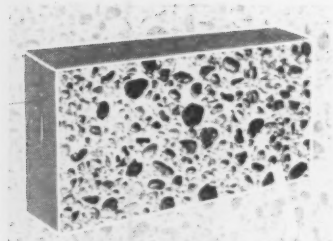

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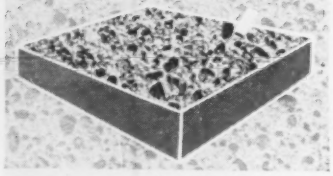

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Army Engineers

ROADS, RAILS & WATERWAYS — THE ARMY ENGINEERS AND EARLY TRANSPORTATION—By Forest G. Hill. 248 pp. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Okla. $4.00

This book is an account of the part played by the Corps of Engineers of the Army in the development of a transportation system for this country in the half century between the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

The Corps of Engineers was created by an act of Congress in 1802, which directed that the Corps be stationed at West Point and constitute a military academy. During the first 10 to 15 years of its life the Corps was concerned chiefly with coast fortifications and operation of the military academy. But as the nation grew and the western movement intensified, much pressure was put on the Corps to provide engineers for the projected roads, canals and railways as well as for needed improvements in harbors along the Atlantic seaboard.

Civil engineers were in great demand. There were not enough outside the military service to make the needed surveys and to design and build the desired transportation facilities. As a result, the Corps made some of the surveys itself or loaned its engineers to the promoters of canals or railroads. Congress did not object so long as the promoters could show that the project was of national importance. Thus, some of the early surveys for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad were made by Army engineers and they supervised some of the early track-laying operations.

As may be imagined, there were widely diverse views in Congress as to what constituted "national importance" but the officers of the Corps were liberal in their interpretation of that term because the need for engineering help was great.

The official beginning of the river and harbor work, which for many years has been a major function of the Army Engineers, was the General Survey Act of 1824. The first itemized river-and-harbor bill was passed by Congress in 1826.

Construction Glamorized

THE EARTH CHANGERS—By Neill C. Wilson and Frank J. Taylor. 312 pp. Doubleday & Co., Inc., Garden City, N. Y. $5.00.

This is the story of four of the construction firms that participated in the Six Companies contract for Hoover Dam. It traces Morrison-Knudsen, Utah Construction Co., Bechtel Corp. and the Kaiser companies from their earliest beginnings to triumphs that are still under way. It shows how the paths of the principals became intertwined to lead up to Hoover Dam, which is still perhaps the greatest construction job in history. Then it takes the firms through war and postwar years as they become international industrial giants.

The story of the early years is fascinating as the personalities are developed, including descriptions of Morris Knudsen, Harry Morrison, the Wattis brothers and the Christensens of Utah Construction, W. A. "Dad" Bechtel and his sons, and Henry J. Kaiser.

But somewhere in the middle of the book, the fascination of individual enterprise wears off as the accomplishments of huge corporations are recounted somewhat like a press agent's handout. Certainly, there's an exotic fascination in places such as Kemano in Canada, Ras Tanura in Arabia, Marcona in Peru and in the dozens of other places where these corporate construction giants have worked in recent years. But in telling about them, the authors let their book get a little dull. Perhaps these achievements are too recent to have gathered glamor as has the work at Hoover Dam. More than likely, however, it's because these achievements are carefully calculated efforts of corporate teams rather than of individuals. Nevertheless, the book is highly recommended to heavy construction men.

Unwanted Sound

HANDBOOK OF NOISE CONTROL—Edited by Cyril M. Harris. 1011 pp. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, Toronto, London. $16.50

Noise control is covered in comprehensive fashion in this handbook, to which 46 experts contributed.

As pointed out by the editor of the handbook in the first chapter, the objective of noise control is to obtain an acceptable noise environment consistent with economical and operational considerations. Such an environment is of economic importance because of the effect of unwanted sounds on speech communication, efficiency of workers and property values and because high-intensity noise can impair hearing and thus can be grounds for disability compensation.

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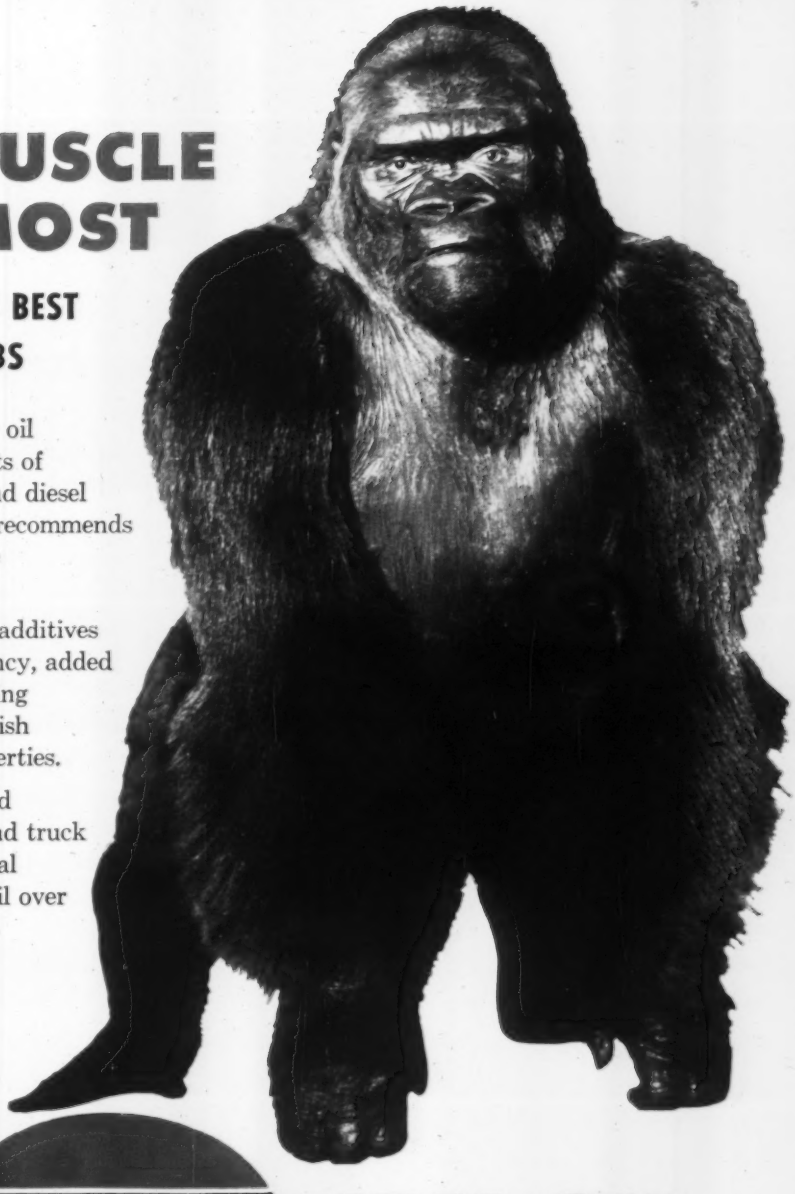

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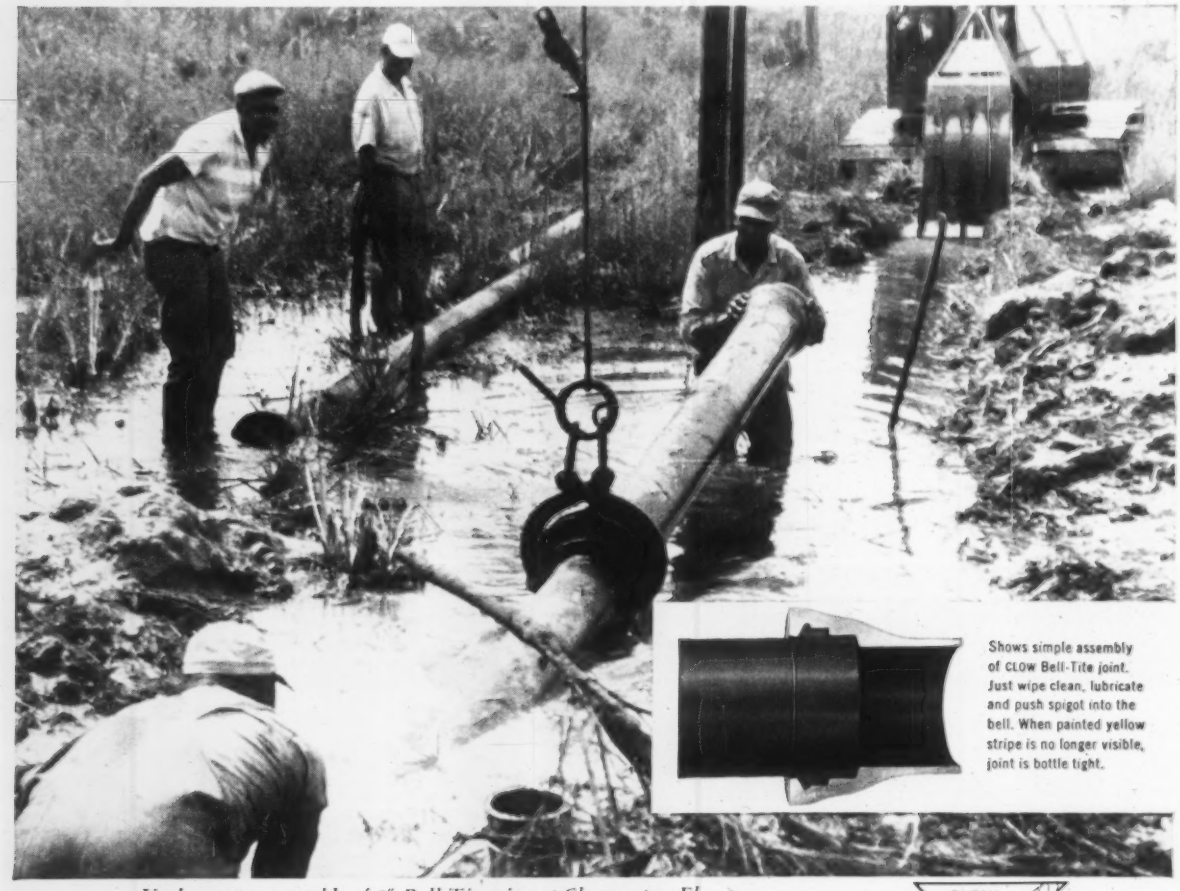

Shows simple assembly of CLOW Bell-Tite joint. Just wipe clean, lubricate and push spigot into the bell. When painted yellow stripe is no longer visible, joint is bottle tight.

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and vibrations on the human anatomy are taken up. The rest of the book deals with noise prevention and control.

Methods for controlling noise are classified into three categories: (1) noise reduction at the source; (2) noise control of the transmission path; (3) protective measures at the receiver.

At the source, noise can be reduced by decreasing exciting forces or the response of noise-radiating components in the system to exciting forces. If this cannot be done, consideration should be given to a change in operating procedures to reduce the noise.

The transmission path can be controlled by siting, building layout, path deflection, enclosures, absorption or impedance mismatch.

If these measures cannot be used to reduce noise to an acceptable level, personnel may have to use earplugs, ear muffs or noise helmets or be placed in a protective booth. Sometimes it may be necessary to rotate personnel in the noisy area so that individuals are exposed only for short periods of time.

These noise-control methods are dealt with in detail in the major portion of the handbook. However, related but equally important subjects are handled in the final chapters, such as community noise and city planning, legal aspects of the aircraft noise problem, anti-noise ordinances and noise-control requirements in building codes.

Classic Abbreviated

ELEMENTS OF WATER SUPPLY AND WASTE-WATER DISPOSAL—By Gordon M. Fair and John C. Geyer, 615 pp., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y. $8.95.

A condensed edition of the authors' earlier Water Supply and Waste Disposal, this book is aimed at the undergraduate civil and sanitary engineering student. It emphasizes the basic principles of water supply and waste disposal. Discussing both subjects jointly rather than as separate entities, duplication is avoided. The first half of the book is devoted to collection and distribution of water and the collection and distribution of waste water. The second half discusses the behavior of natural waters and the treatment of potable water and waste water.

In Layman Language

MIRACLE BRIDGE AT MACKINAC—by David B. Steinman, in collaboration with John J. Nevill. 200 pp. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. $4.50.

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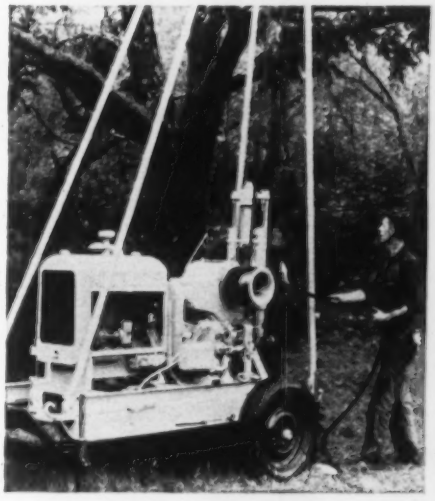

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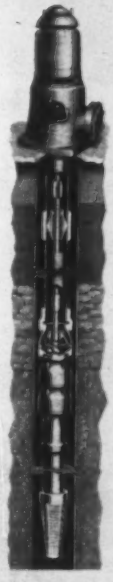

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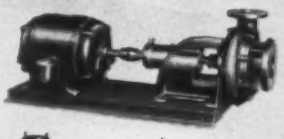

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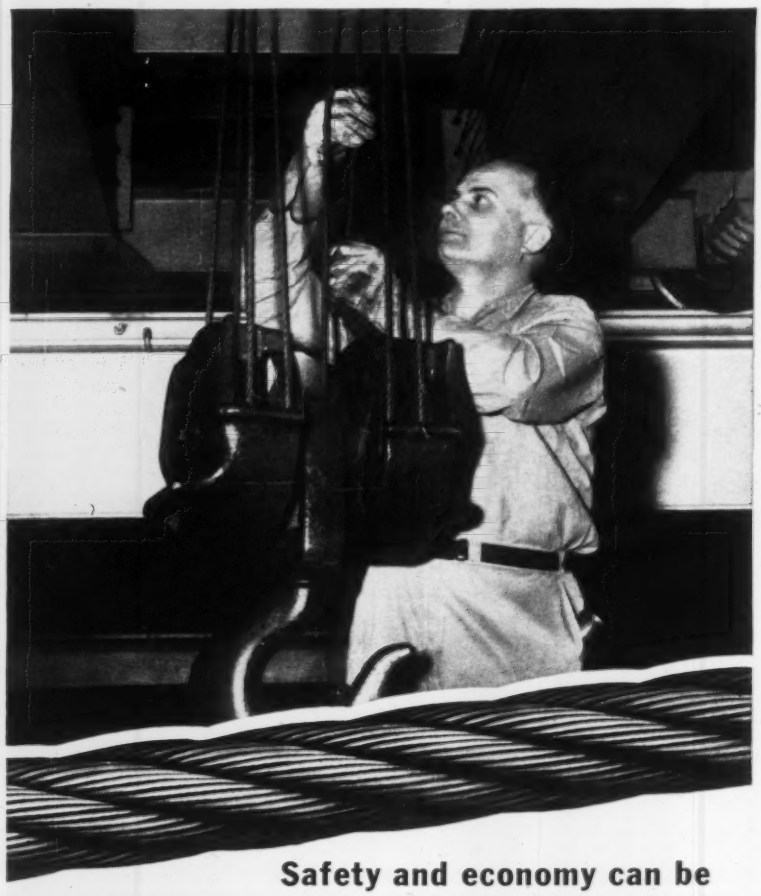

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Prestressed Concrete Papers

PROCEEDINGS WORLD CONFERENCE ON PRESTRESSED CONCRETE—583 pp. World Conference on Prestressed Concrete, Inc., Room 216, 417 Market St., San Francisco, Calif. $10.00.

This book contains the complete text of 38 papers given at the conference held in San Francisco last summer (ENR Aug. 8, 1957, p 23). It also contains 26 additional treatises on the subject that were not presented orally. Including papers on prestressed concrete technology in all parts of the world, the proceedings should be a guide for both engineers and contractors.

Books & Pamphlets

• **Desalting water**—A mechanical compression method for removing salt from ice made of brine appears, according to a report on Navy sponsored studies, to be the only one with possibilities of reducing salinity in a single step. The report, PB 121959, *Investigation of Freezing as a Means of Obtaining Fresh Water from Salt Water*, can be obtained for $1.50 from Office of Technical Services, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C.

• **Fire protection**—"The Modern Warehouse" emphasizes fire protection and prevention and is designed as a guide in planning construction of a one-story warehouse. The 18 page pamphlet describes selection of a layout and details of construction for adequate fire protection. The pamphlet is available for $0.50. Associated Reciprocal Exchanges, 2 Park Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

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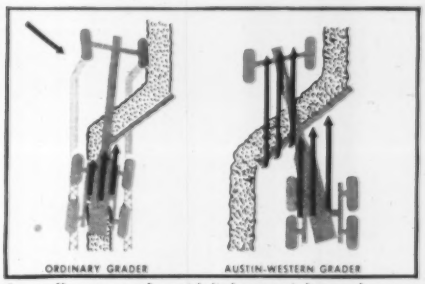

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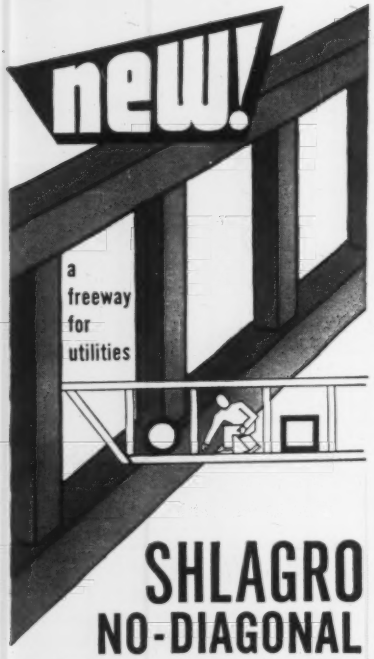

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The Board of Directors of the American Water Works Association at its recent annual meeting awarded four honorary memberships. They went to Morrison B. Cunningham, director of public works, Oklahoma City; Victor M. Ehlers, director of the division of sanitary engineering, Texas State Health Department; Fred G. Gordon, assistant chief engineer of the bureau of engineering, department of public works, Chicago; and Louis F. Warrick, chief of the technical services branch, U.S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

The 1957 Diven Medal for outstanding service to AWWA was awarded to Ray L. Derby of Los Angeles, Calif.

The 1957 Goodell Prize for the most notable technical contribution was awarded H. O. Hartung, St. Louis, Missouri, for his paper, "Calcium Carbonate Stabilization of Lime-Softened Water."

Other honors included division awards: distribution to Jerome B. Wolff, Baltimore; management to H. H. Gerstein, Chicago; purification to Graham Walton, Cincinnati; and resources to H. O. Banks, Sacramento, Calif.

Careers

Public Works

B. N. Hoffmaster has been appointed chief harbor engineer of the Port of Long Beach, Calif. He had been carrying out the duties of that office for the last year during the illness and absence of **R. R. Shoemaker,** who recently died.

Carl W. Wild, vice president of Community Planning Services, Inc., Monroeville, Pa., has been made deputy secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways to head its

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Morrison-Knudsen Gets Seaway Safety Award

Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., sponsoring contractor on the Dwight D. Eisenhower Lock section of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project, has received the Award of Honor of the National Safety Council and the top safety award from its insurer, Employers Mutuals of Wausau. The accident frequency rate on the Eisenhower Lock where nearly 2 million man-hours were worked, was more than 80% below the heavy construction average during 1957.

In the photo, left to right, are: Richard Daley, M-K safety engineer; C. A. McGinnis, accident prevention manager for Employers Mutuals; F. W. Braun, vice president of Employers Mutuals; John Armitage, M-K project manager, Ed Eaton, superintendent; and Jack Williams, director of Safety.

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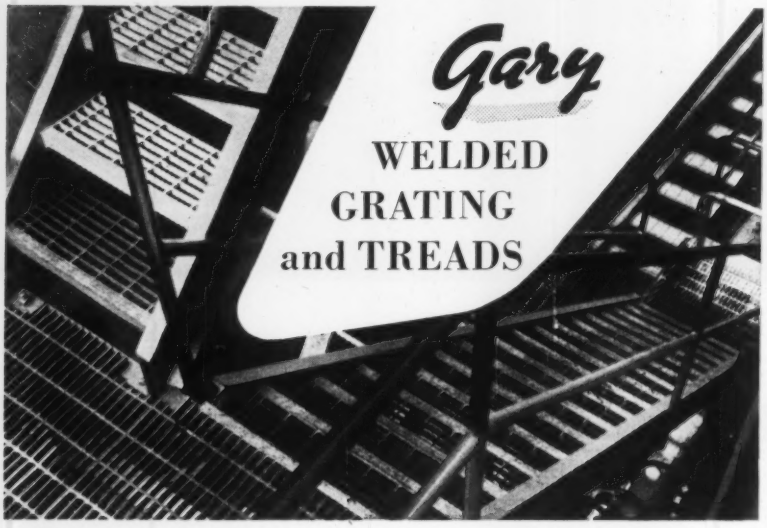

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P. M. Stephenson has been named Oregon assistant state highway engineer to succeed **William Stiffler**, who retired January 1. **Ivan D. Merchant** has been moved up to Mr. Stephenson's old post of bridge engineer.

Retirements

Murray P. Nicol, president of the Struck Construction Co., Louisville, Ky., has retired. Now 73 years old, Mr. Nicol, who helped found the firm in 1921 and who has been its president since 1931, has been in construction most of his life. His firm built some of Louisville's largest buildings.

Harold J. Spelman, regional engineer for the Eastern Park and Forest Region of the Bureau of Public Roads, retired recently after 52-year career in highway work. He was with BPR for 28 years and for nearly 25 years was in charge of what is now the Region 15 office.

Walter O. Hill, for the last 33 years district construction engineer with the Missouri State Highway Commission, retired from state service in February.

Edward Ochs, superintendent of general construction at Ice Harbor Dam for the Corps of Engineers, has retired after 20 years of government service. He has joined the architectural firm of John W. Maloney, Seattle.

Associations

Edward Wenk, Jr., has been elected president of the Society for Experimental Stress Analysis. He is chairman of the department of engineering mechanics, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Tex.

Henry M. Von Oesen of Wilmington, N. C., has been named president of the North Carolina Society of Engineers. He succeeds **John D. Watson** of Greensboro.

Alfred L. Parme is the new manager of the Portland Cement Association's Structural and Railways Bureau, and **Walter E. Kunze, Jr.**, is the new assistant manager. **Thor Thorgermundsson**, former manager, asked to be relieved for reasons of personal health.

John W. Kelly of the Imperial Paving Co., Oklahoma City, Okla., has been elected president of the National Bituminous Concrete Association. He succeeds **Sheldon G. Hayes** of the Cadillac Asphalt Paving Co., Detroit, Mich., who has been president of the group since he helped organize it two years ago.

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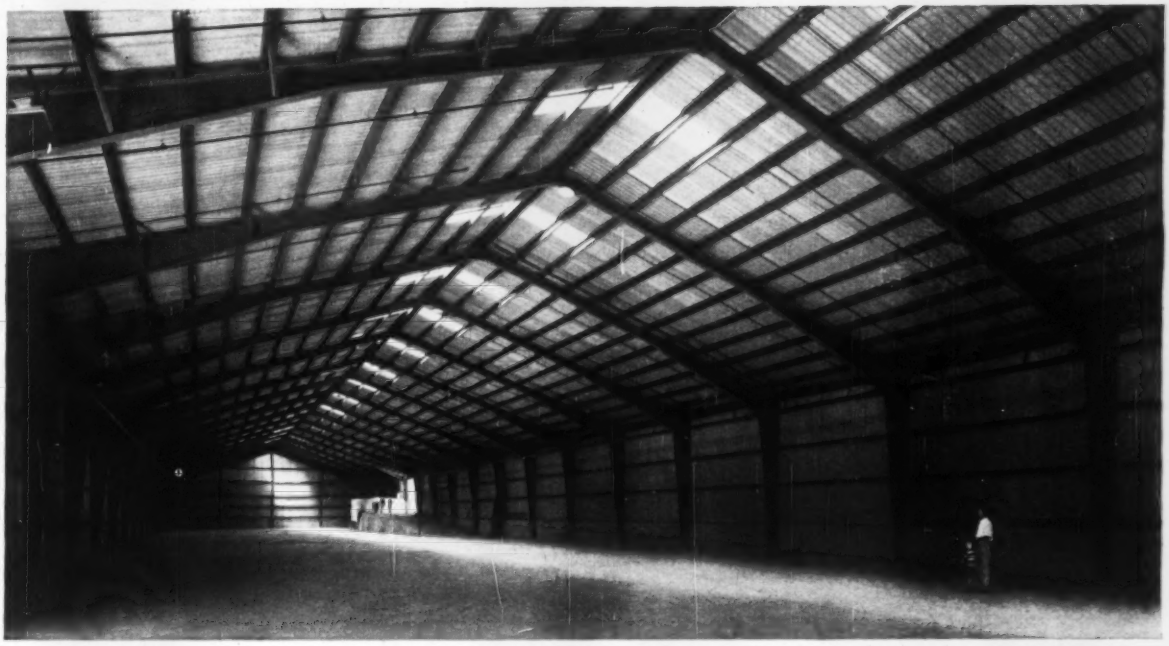

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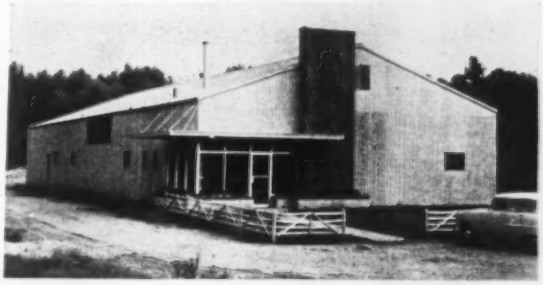

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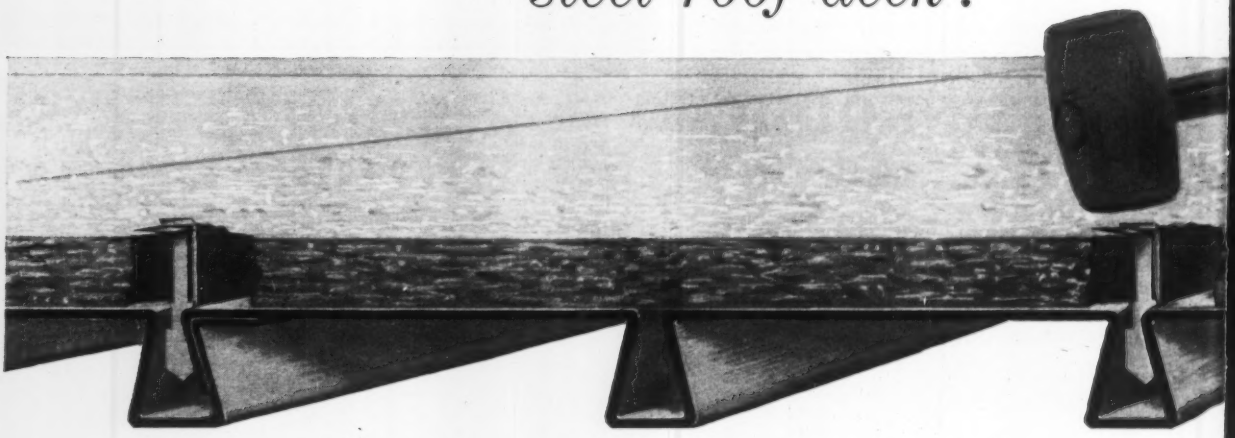

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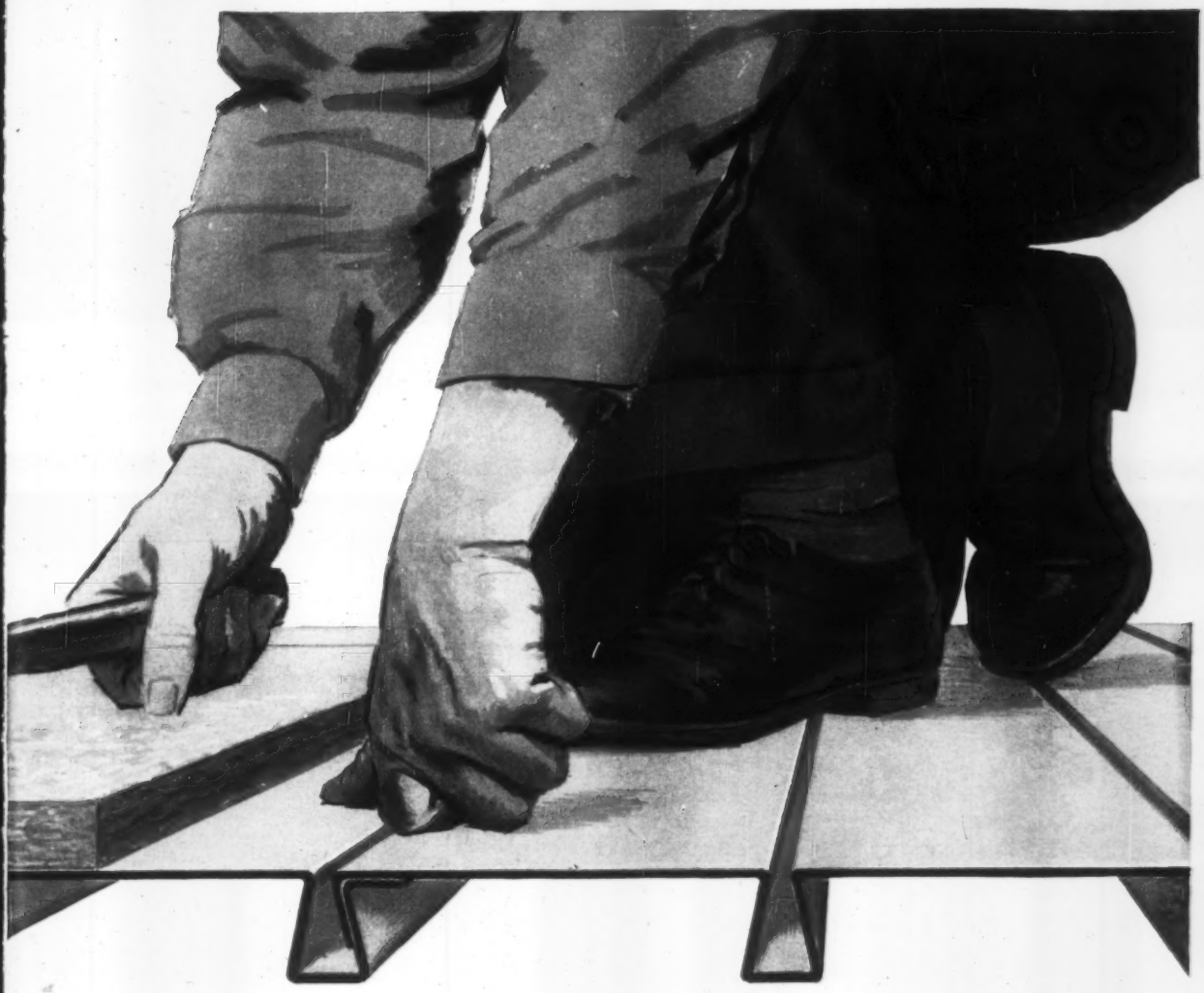

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Obituaries

Bowers Construction Co. of Whiteville and Raleigh, N. C., died at Whiteville February 12. His firm specialized in highway and bridge construction throughout the Southeast.

James M. Conner, 76, a retired civil engineer of Newark, Del., died February 6. A civil engineering graduate of the University of Delaware in 1903, he was a member of the engineering staff of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 47 years, until retirement in 1950.

John L. Pickles, 80, former district engineer and superintendent of the Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway, died recently at Duluth, Minn. A graduate of the University of Missouri, School of Mines and Metallurgy, he began his engineering career in Texas where he built waterworks systems and railroad facilities at El Paso. He came to the Duluth area 45 years ago.

Clifford H. Sheets, former vice president of the firm of Sheets & Canfield Construction Co., died recently at Lakewood, Ohio. Mr. Sheets, 68, retired as a construction superintendent after serving 15 years with Loesch & Green Construction Co. of Cleveland, Ohio.

James R. Henderson, Sr., 88, former vice president of Stearns-Roger Mfg. Co. of Denver, Colo., died recently at Santa Barbara, Calif. After his retirement from the Stearns-Roger firm in 1924, he maintained a consulting engineering office in Denver for many years.

Charles F. Ryan, former officer of several construction companies in Rochester, N. Y., died there early in February.

J. Sterling Kinney, 48, head of the structural engineering division of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's civil engineering department, died January 29 in Troy, N. Y. He was recognized as a leader in indeterminate structural design and was the author of a recently published book "Indeterminate Structural Analysis". A 1931 graduate of RPI and holder of a doctorate in civil engineering, Professor Kinney taught at Rensselaer since graduation, except for four years as design engineer with American Bridge Co.

F. Carl Weigelt, 67, Lake Carmel, N. Y., member of York & Sawyer, New York City architects, until his retirement in April, 1957, died February 4 in Danbury, Conn. He was assistant man-

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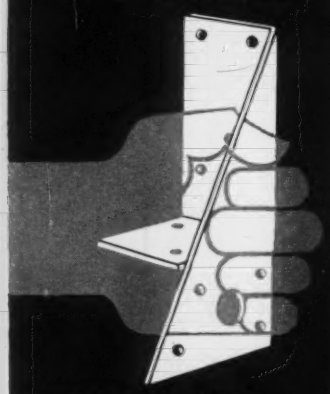

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Comfort Avery Adams, 89, died in Philadelphia Feb. 21. A past-president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, he had been Lawrence Professor Engineering at Harvard University from 1914 to 1936, serving as dean of the school of engineering in 1919.

Daniel J. Riordan, Jr., 59, a civil engineer and deputy director for the City Division of Real Estate in Buffalo, N. Y., died there February 5. He formerly was a civil engineer for the New York Central system.

Frank P. Bentley, an assistant engineer with the N. Y. State Highway Department, died at Troy, N. Y., February 11.

John M. Baldwin, 82, civil engineer of Norfolk, Va., died recently. An 1898 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, he worked in the Engineering Department of U. S. Steel Corp. and as a division engineer with the Illinois Central Railroad before forming his own civil engineering firm in 1908.

William C. Chambers, 95, one of Canada's pioneer roadbuilders, died February 1 in Toronto. He had been a director of many construction companies in Ontario, and headed a firm that built much of the Northern Ontario Railroad. In addition, his firm built Toronto's first filtration plant.

Edward E. Ashley, Jr., 74, consulting engineer in New York City for nearly half a century, died February 3. He had gained a national reputation for his work in air conditioning, lighting and electric elevators. In the 20's he developed albeda glass to overcome the poor effects of department store lighting on the appearance of merchandise, by diffusing the light's harshness. Mr. Ashley maintained his own firm since 1932. Recently, the firm of Edward E. Ashley, consulting engineers, had supervised the lighting and air conditioning in the renovation of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. It also directed the electrical engineering for the Socony-Mobil Building in midtown Manhattan. During World War I, Mr. Ashley served as a major in the construction division of the Army Signal Corps. He was one of the developers of the first military airfields. Prior to opening his own office, he had been a partner in the New York City architectural firm of Starrett & Van Vleck. He began his career in 1901 after completing engineering courses at Cooper Union and Cornell University.

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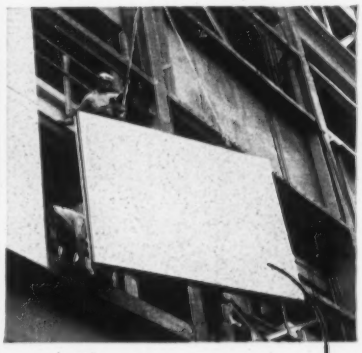

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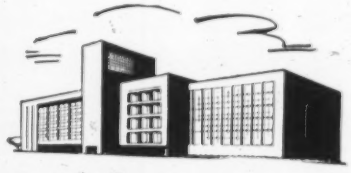

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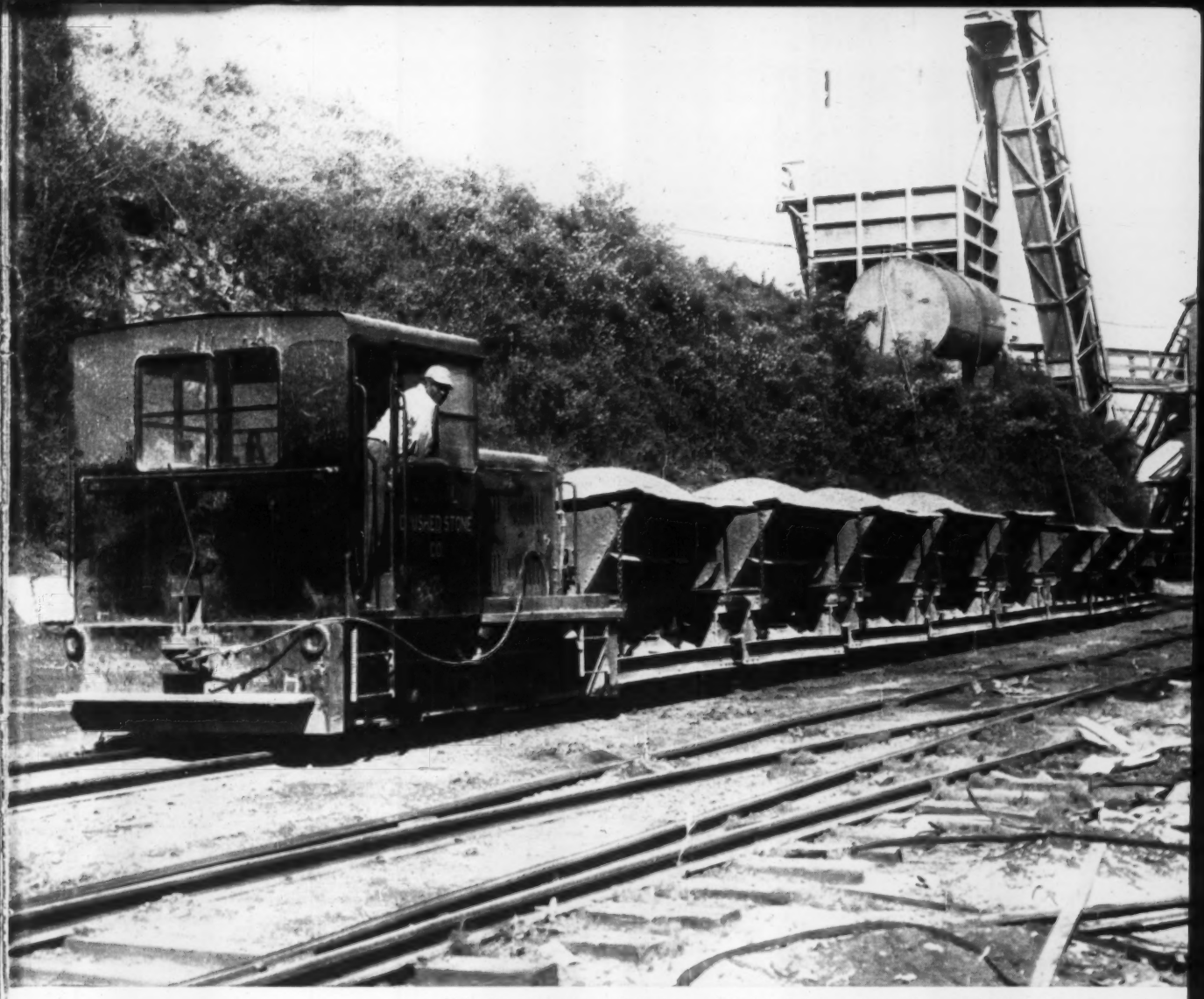

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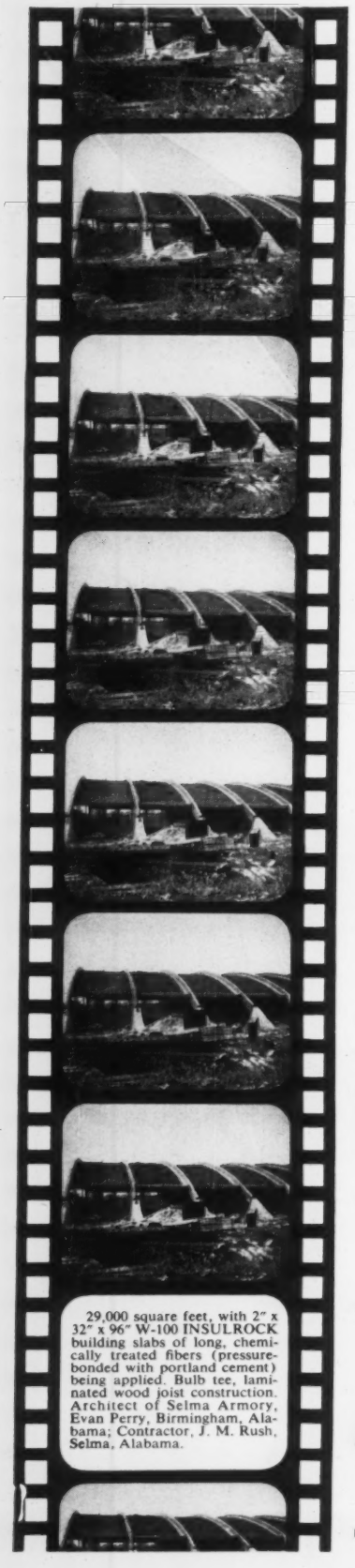

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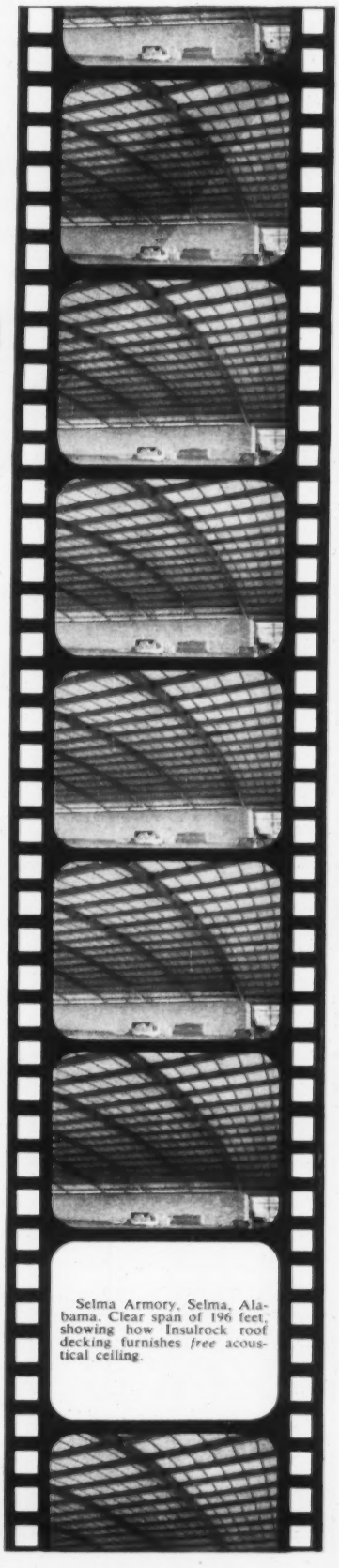

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BRIDGES
March 26 Vermont
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▲† Me., Limestone — UTILITIES—BA On Or About 4/29—U. S. Eng., 150 Causeway St., Boston, Mass., constr. surface water supply, Loring Air Force Base on Little Madawaska River, ENG-19-016-58-101. Extended date. $1,500,000-$2,000,000. Plans deposit $25. Metcalf & Eddy, Statler Bldg., Boston, Mass., engrs. CD 3/4.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ Conn., Danbury—HOSPITAL—BA 3/27—Danbury Hospital, Locust Ave., second unit, hospital addn., $1,750,000. Extended date. Rogers & Butler, 219 E. 44th St., New York, N. Y., archts. Meyer, Strong & Jones, 101 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., engrs. CD 2/18.

▲ Conn., Putnam—HOUSING—BA 3/27—Putnam Housing Auth., City Hall, Proj. Conn-24-1, Hampshire Heights Housing Project, 124 units, 29 bldgs., $1,741,000. Plans deposit $75. Arthur E. Thomas, 28 Shetucket St., Norwich, archts. Fred S. Dubin Assocs., 178 S. Whitney St., Hartford, engrs. CD 10/3.

▲ Me., Bangor—HOUSING—BA On Or About 4/10—Procurement Office, Dow Air Force Base, housing Inv. 17-601-58-46, Dow Air Force Base. $11,000,000. Alonzo J. Harriman, Inc., 292 Court St., Auburn, archt. Sherwood G. Tribou, Wayne, electrical engr. CD 1/23.

BUILDINGS—SLC

▲ Conn., Windsor—PROCESSING SYSTEM, BLDGS.—Combustion Eng. Inc., Reactor Dev. Div., Central Ave., soon lets contract Phase 2, 2 bldgs. and processing system, plant, $1,000,000. Hayden, Harding, & Buchanan, 1340 Soldiers Field Rd., Brighton, Mass. archts. CD 2/25/58.

▲ Mass., Pittsfield—OFFICE—Berkshire Life Ins. Co., 7 North St., Pittsfield soon lets contract, insurance office, South St. $2,000,000. Hoyle, Doran & Berry, 248 Boylston St., Boston, archts. CD 12/11/56.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ MASSACHUSETTS—Commonwealth of Mass., Dpt. P. Wks., 100 Nashua St., Boston,
Lane Constr. Corp., P. O. Drawer 911, Meriden, Conn. CA $3,197,625, est. $4,095,730, hy. relocation Rte. 5, FA Proj.-1-IN-351 (2) Contr. "A", Longmeadow, Whitman & Howard, Inc., 89 Broad St., Boston, engr. Bids Feb. 11. CD 2/14, under LB.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ Beacon Constr. Co., 102 Hano St., Allston, Mass. CA $1,448,500, HOUSING Proj. NH 4-1, Gosling Rd. and Wood Ave., PORTSMOUTH, N. H. Portsmouth Housing Auth., 25 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, N. H. Bids Feb. 27. CD 3/4, under LB.

▲ Commonwealth of Mass., University of Mass., c/o Div. Bldg. Constr., 38 Chauncy St., Boston, Mass., rejected bids Feb. 14, U-57-1, Science Center (second section), University of Mass., AMHERST, MASS. LB $1,873,000. Will re-advertise. CD 2/19, under LB.

▲† Green Manor Constr. Co., Middle Turnpike, East Manchester, Conn., CA $6,196,376, est. $6,000,000, Family Type HOUSING, Bedford and Neilson Rds., Laurence G. Hanscom Field, IFB-19-0604-58-62, BEDFORD, MASS. Contracting Officer, Air Force Cambridge Research Center, Laurence G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass. Bids Feb. 18. CD 2/24, under LB.

▲ Louis Marion & Son, 100 Textile Ave., Lowell, Mass., LB $1,236,000, E-812, Contr. 10, ELECTRONICS-PLASTICS-ENGINEERING BLDG., Lowell Technological Institute, LOWELL, MASS. Commonwealth of Mass., Dpt. Educ., c/o Div. Bldg. Constr., 38 Chauncy St., Boston, Mass. Bids Mar. 7. CD 2/19.

▲ Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Inc., 480 Hampden St., Holyoke, Mass. CA $4,950,160 Proj. 56-886, Cathedral HIGH SCHOOL between Westover Rd. and Roosevelt Ave., SPRINGFIELD, MASS. R. C. Diocese of Springfield, Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon, Bishop, Chancery Office, 68 Elliot St., Springfield, Mass. Bids Mar. 4. CD 3/10, under LB.

▲ Vara Constr. Inc., 718 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass. LB $4,219,000, HOSPITAL addns., alterations, 71 Jaques Ave., WORCESTER, MASS. City, City Hospital, 71 Jaques Ave., Worcester, Mass. Bids advanced to Mar. 6. CD 2/25.

▲ A. F. Peaslee, Inc., 37 Lewis St., Hartford, Conn., CA $1,239,397, Irving A. Robbins JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, FARMINGTON, CONN. Town of Farmington, Town Hall, Unionville, Conn. Bids Feb. 19. CD 2/25, under LB.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

▲ N. Y., Mineola—BA 3/25—Bd. Supervs. Nassau Co., Old County Court House, sanitary sewers in Lynbrook, East Rockaway and Hewlett. $5,000,000. CD 1/9.

▲† N. Y., Westhampton Beach—HOUSING—BA On Or About 4/15—U. S. Eng., 111 E. 16 St., New York, Zone 3, armed services housing consisting 220 family housing units, Suffolk County Air Force Base, Inv. No. 30-618-58-43. CD 8/22/56.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ N. Y., Greenburgh—SCHOOL—BA 4/3—Union Free School Dist. 8, Town of Greenburgh, 33 West Hillside Ave., White Plains, elementary school on Warburg Campus. Extended date. $1,000,000. Sherwood, Mills & Smith, 65 Broad St., Stamford, Conn., arcnts. CD 2/19.

▲ N. J., Berkeley Heights—SCHOOL—BA 4/8—Union Regional School Dist., Felmer Ave., Springfield, Regional High School, $2,500,000, Extended date, Frederick Elsasser, 2013 Morris Ave., Union, archt. CD 12/4.

BUILDINGS—SLC

▲ D. C., Wash.—SCHOOL—St. John's College High School, 1225 Vermont Ave. N.W., soon lets contract, school, Military Rd., Oregon Ave. and 27th St. N.W. $2,500,000. Walton & Maddon, 3510 Rhode Island Ave., Mt. Ranier, Md., archts. CD 4/29/54.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ Bonwit Constr. Co., 370 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y., LB $1,261,855 (9 bidders), Contr. BP-150.007, constr. pier shed exclusive of structural steel for new Pier 1 at Brooklyn-Port Authority Piers, BROOKLYN, N. Y. Port of New York Auth., 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. Bids Mar. 11. CD 1/31.

PROJECTS COVERED

By Size

Construction projects here reported cover the United States and Canada, are of these minimum sizes or larger: water supply, earthwork, waterways $44,000; other public works $73,000; industrial buildings $93,000; other buildings $344,000. Also Foreign projects of $100,000 and more in size of interest to American contractors.

By Regions & Classes of Construction
(In order of Listing)

BIDS ASKED
LOW BIDDERS
CONTRACTS AWARDED

New England	**Middle West**
Middle Atlantic	**West of Mississippi**
South	**Far West**
PROPOSED WORK	
Water Supply	**Public Buildings**
Sewers, Waste Disposal	**Mass Housing**
Bridges	**Commercial Buildings**
Streets & Roads	**Industrial Buildings**
Earthwork, Waterways	**Unclassified**

In These Stages

PROPOSED WORK: Before and including appointment of engineers or architects.
BIDS ASKED: BA (new announcements only). For full calendar, see also preceding issues.
SOON LETS CONTRACT: SLC
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†	Federal Government
▲	Project of $1,000,000 or over.
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▲ The Forest Co., 121 N. Main St., Wharton, N. J. CA $2,644,708 No. 1, sewage pumping stations, force mains and collection works, HARRISBURG, PA. Harrisburg Sewage Auth., Municipal Bldg., Harrisburg, Pa. Grand total $5,990,196. Bids Jan. 30. CD 2/4, under LB.
Rice & Weidman, P. O. Box 1386, Lancaster, Pa. CA $2,522,804 No. 2, sewage plant and outfall sewer (Harrisburg, Pa.);
E. C. Ernst, Inc., 4200 Chamber Hill Rd., Harrisburg, Pa. CA $107,884; No. 1-C electrical for No. 1 (Harrisburg, Pa.).
Harry Ressler, Mountville, Pa. CA $714,800 plumbing for No. 2 (Harrisburg, Pa.).

▲ PENNSYLVANIA — Pa. Hys. Dpt., 506 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg,
Buckley & Co., 1317-21 S. Juniper St., Phila. 47, Pa., CA $4,853,299, constr. 4,543 ft. divided hy., c. conc. variable in width, 5 bridges Roosevelt Blvd. 9th to 18th Sts., Phila., Phila. Co. Bids Jan. 24, awarded Mar. 7. CD 1/29, under LB.

▲ MARYLAND—State Rds. Comn., 108 E. Lexington St., Baltimore, Zone 2. Bids opened 3/4.
Md.—Chas. W. Williams & Assoc. and Forty-first Street Corp., 2210 Maryland Ave., Baltimore 18, Md., LB $2,390,343 (12 bidders) grading, drainage, surf. 4.392 mi. Baltimore-Harrisburg Expressway near Parkton, 3.204 mi. connecting roads, one-45 ft. span I-beam bridge at Downer Rd. B-578-35-420 & B-478-42-420, Baltimore Co. (Correction—contractor and location of project). CD 3/6, under LB.
Md.—Taylor & Keebler, Clinton, Md., LB $1,187,207 (5 bidders), grading, drainage, surf. new northbound lane US 301, 6.142 mi. also rehabilitation of existing S 301 along same route, distance 12.368 mi., P-713 4-320, Prince George Co. (Correction—contractor and location of project). CD 3/6, under LB.

▲ PENNSYLVANIA—Pa. Hy. & Bridge Auth., 506 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg,
James Julian, Inc., 405 S. DuPont Rd., Elsmere, 5 Del. CA $1,304,714, widen 24,766 ft. existing road with plain c. conc. or cr. aggreg. base variable in width and surf. T. R. US 202 W. Goshen Wettown, Thornbury, Concord and Birmingham Twps. Bids Jan. 24, awarded Mar. 10. CD 1/30, under LB.
C. H. Schwertner & Son, Inc., 1220 Hamilton St., Phila. Pa. CA $140,000 swimming pool and bathhouse filter sys., parking area, LANSDOWNE, PA. Lansdowne Swim Club, 5 Mansfield Rd., Lansdowne, Pa. CD 11/20.

▲ MARYLAND—State Rds. Comn., 108 E. Lexington St., Baltimore, Zone 2, Bids opened Mar. 11,
Md.—A. H. Smith, Branchville, Md., LB $2,608,729 (3 bidders), grading, drainage, surf. 10.802 mi. dual hy. US 301 incl. 1-45x49x204 ft. span bridge, 1 dual 39x140 ft. 3 span bridge near Upper Marlboro, P 713-2-320 & P 732-3-329, Prince George Co.;
Md.—George D. Fox & Co. Inc., 5717 Harford Rd., Baltimore, Md., LB $902,126 (5 bidders), grading, drainage, wid'n., relocating and resurf. 4.057 mi. State Rte. 152 from Stockton north, H. 360-3-420, Harford Co. CD 3/6.

▲ Square Constr. Co., 115 South Haven St., Baltimore, Md., CA $1,486,172, constr. 12 ft. diam. storm water sewer, East Capitol St. between Burns and Texas Ave., WASH., D. C. D. C. Govt., Sanitation Dpt., 499 Pennsylvania Ave., Wash., D. C. Bids Feb. 28. Awarded Mar. 6. CD 3/5, under LB.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ Foster-Newman Co. Inc., 3622 13 Ave., Brooklyn 18, N. Y., LB $1,332,400, (13 bidders), general contract LIBRARY BLDG. (Bldg. 4) at State University of New York, Harpur College, ENDICOTT, N. Y. State Dpt. P. Wks., Bureau Contracts & Accounts, The Gov. Alfred E. Smith State Office Bldg., Albany, N. Y. Bids Mar. 6. CD 3/26.
Louis N. Picciano & Son, Endicott, N. Y., LB $348,000, (11 bidders), heating (Endicott, N. Y.).

▲ Depot Constr. Corp., 42-15 Crescent St., Long Island City, N. Y., CA $6,359,000, general contract CONTINUED TREATMENT and DISTURBED PATIENTS BLDG. (Bldg. 105) Manhattan State Hospital, Wards Island, NEW YORK, N. Y. Dpt. P. Wks., Gov. Alfred E. Smith Office Bldg., Albany, N. Y. Bids Feb. 20. Grand total $7,598,457. CD 2/26, under LB;
Cartmel-Morris, Inc., 36052 37 St., Long Island City, N. Y., CA $546,480, plumbing Bldg. 105 (New York, N. Y.);
Forest Elec. Corp., 630 Ninth Ave., New York 19, N. Y., CA $692,977, electric, Bldg. 105 (New York, N. Y.).

▲ Peter Feinberg, c/o H. I. Feldman, archt., 415 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Owner Builds. $1,250,000, 17 story APARTMENT, Horatio St., southeast corner 8 Ave. at 14 Horatio St., NEW YORK, N. Y. CD 10/3/56.

▲ Furlang Constr. Corp., 810 Pelham Parkway South, New York, N. Y., Owner Builds, $1,200,000, 6 story APARTMENT, Lydig Ave. between Muliner and Bogart Aves., NEW YORK, N. Y. CD 1/30.

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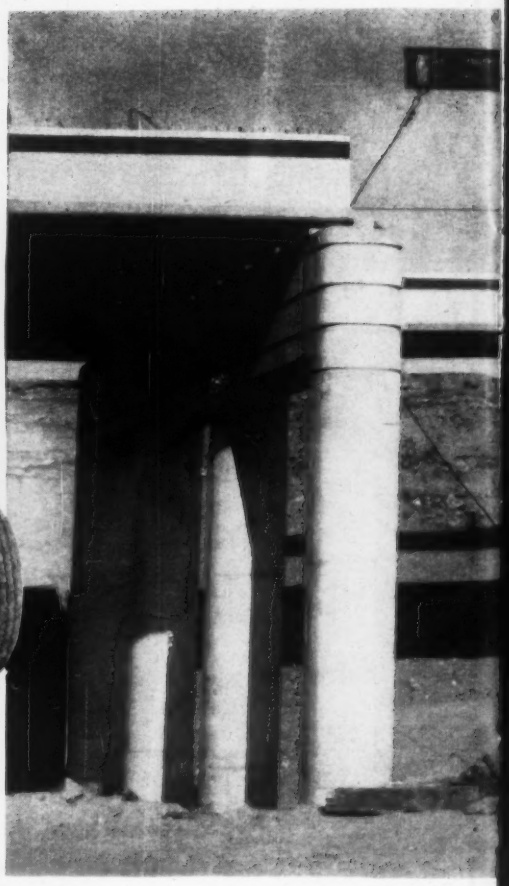
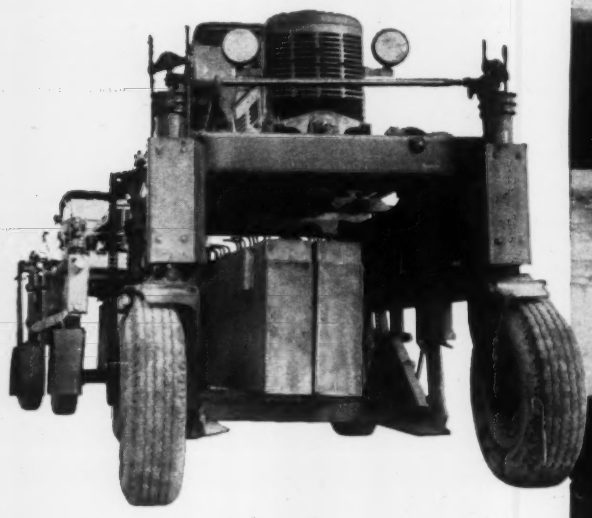
PLACING MAIN SPAN GIRDERS—A crane with a spreader beam is erecting a main span girder prestressed with USS American Super-Tens Stress-Relieved Strand. Note the ease of erection.





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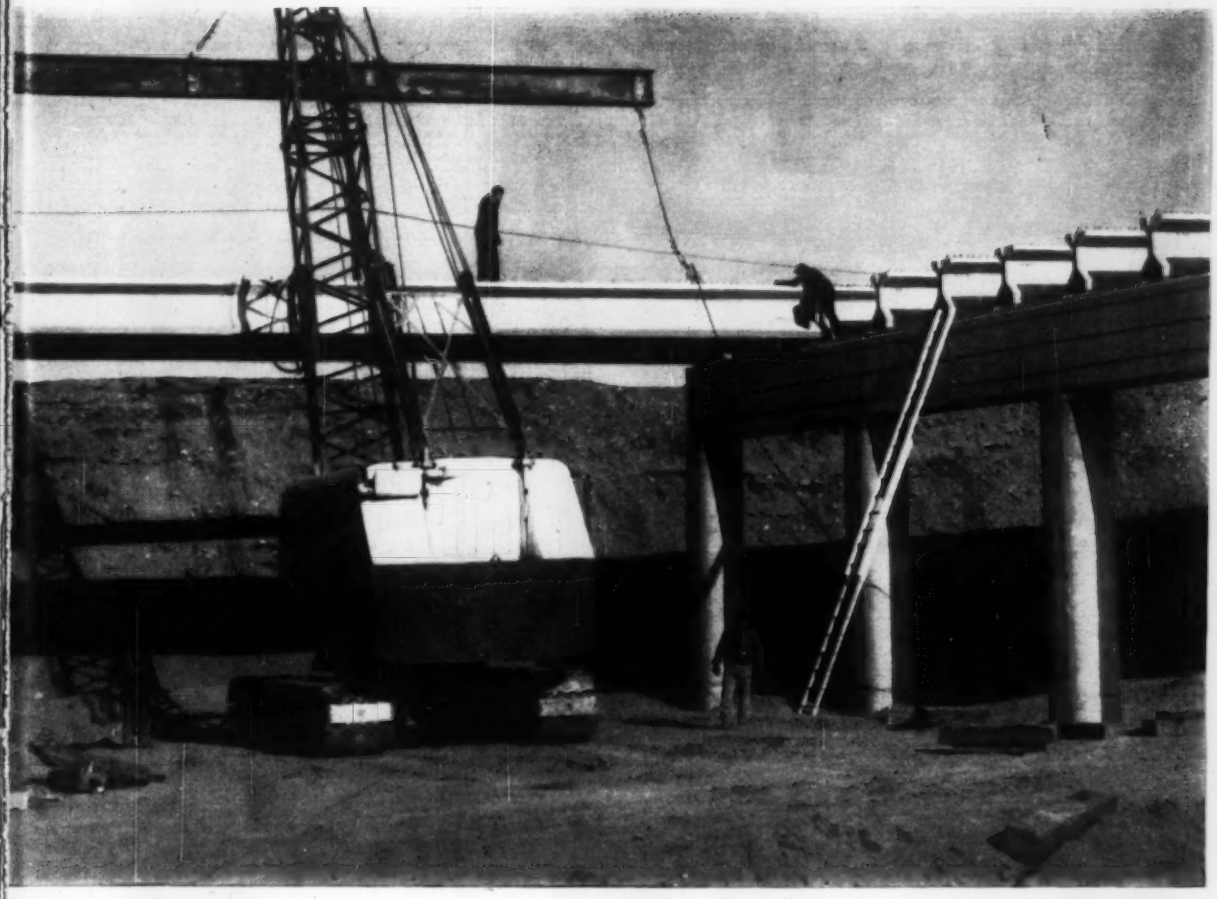

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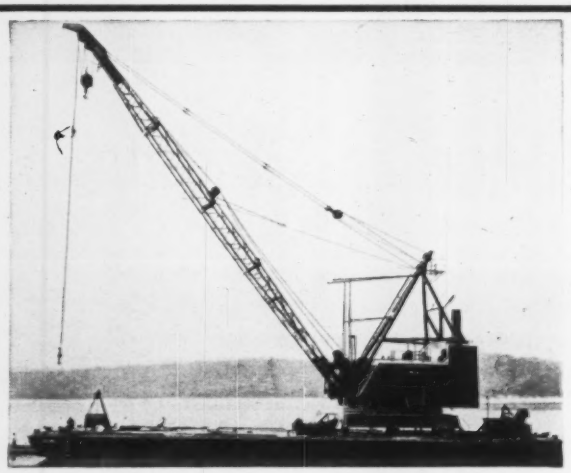

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▲ **Robert Glenn, Inc.**, 101 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y., CA Est. $1,800,000. 5 story LIBRARY and CLASSROOM BLDG. Claremont Ave., 117 and 118 Sts., NEW YORK, N. Y. Barnard College, Broadway and 119 St., New York, N. Y. CD 11/14/56.

▲ **Skyview Terrace Homes**, c/o Butterly & Green, Inc., 168-25 Hillside Ave., Jamaica, N. Y., Owner Builds, $1,200,000, 80 HOUSES, Weeks Rd. east Deer Park Ave., NORTH BABYLON, N. Y.

▲ **Gushin & Gordon**, 210 Haverford Ave., New Brunswick, N. J. Owner Builds. $1,000,000, 60 HOUSES, Stony Rd. off Rte. 1 to be known as Woodward Estates, EDISON, N. J. Erwin Gerber, 11 Commerce St., Newark, N. J., archt.

▲ **Tibbetts Contg. Corp.**, 1 Lawton St., Yonkers, N. Y. Own Forces. $4,000,000, design and constr. 1,000,000 sq. ft., brick, block PLANT BLDGS., mostly 1 story bldgs., on Brewster Quarry site, Tonnelle Ave., NORTH BERGEN, N. J.

▲ **Walter C. Hurley**, 1928 Heck Ave., Neptune, N. J., CA $1,337,595, general contract 58 room HIGH SCHOOL, NEPTUNE, N. J. Bd. Educ., Twp. of Neptune, Neptune, N. J. Awarded Feb. 26. CD 2/26, under LB.

▲ **E. Powers Constr. Co.**, 605 Briarcliff St., Maywood, N. J., and **Thomas Constr. Co.**, 165 Hillside Ave., Paterson, N. J., LB total cost $2,240,770, est. $2,100,000, general contract Paradise Knolls and Hillcrest Schools addns., WEST MILFORD, N. J., Bd. Educ., West Milford, N. J. Bids Feb. 28. CD 1/14.

▲ **Kaul & Assocs.**, McLean, Va., CA $2,245,000. Capehart HOUSING at Olmstead Air Force Base, MIDDLETOWN, PA. Procurement Officer, Olmstead Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa. Awarded Feb. 12. CD 1/31/56.

▲ **M & L Constr. Co., Inc.**, 108 S. 40th St., Phila. Pa. CA $1,250,000 Bishop McDevitt HIGH SCHOOL and parking area WYNCOTE, PA. Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Phila. 310 N. 19th St., Phila. Pa. Bids Feb. 14. CD 2/14.

▲ **Kirby & McGuire Inc.**, 2518 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore 18, Md., CA $1,914,500 (with alternates) 4 brick, steel, concrete block POLICE STATIONS, Northeastern, Southeastern, Northwestern and Western, BALTIMORE, MD. City, Bureau of Bldg Constr., 410 Municipal Bldg., Baltimore 2, Md. Bids Feb. 26. CD 2/28, under LB.

▲ **L. G. Meltzer Assocs.**, 1012 14 St. N.W., Wash., D. C., Owner Builds, $1,500,000, 176 unit APARTMENT, 8 and Gorman Ave., LAUREL, MD. Jack Cohen, 7961 Eastern Ave., Silver Spring, Md., archt.

▲ **State of Marylarid, Dpt. P. Imprvts.**, 506 Park Ave., Baltimore, Zone 1, Md., rejected bids Feb. 25. DINING HALL and LABORATORY, State Teachers College, FROSTBURG, MD. LB $1,139,400. Will re-advertise. CD 3/3, under LB.

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▲† **Alabama**—BA 4/3—U. S. Eng., 2301 Grant St., Mobile, constr. Jackson Lock and Dam with control station, water stage recorder houses, roads and storm drainage; the structure will incl. from right to left bank; a navigation lock, with clear inside dimensions of 110x600 ft. and a maximum lift of 35 ft., a gated spillway 552 ft. long controlled by 8 individually-operated tainter gates, a fixed crest spillway 639 ft. long across present river-channel and an earth dike about 1,000 ft. long connecting the spillway to high ground on left bank, a 3 story concrete lock control station will be built on the lock wall adjacent to gated spillway, located on Tombigbee River near Coffeeville. $23,600,000.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **La., Lake Charles**—HOSPITAL—BA 4/8—State Bldg. Auth., State Capitol, Baton Rouge, charity hospital $7,000,000. Plans deposit $50. Dunn & Quinn, 1735 Ryan St., engrs. CD 1/23.

▲ **Va., Arlington**—DEPARTMENT STORE—Bids Asked—Lansburgh's Department Store, 7th, 8th and E Sts., NW., Wash., D. C., 150,000 sq. ft. department store incl. parking area, etc. Thalheimer & Weltz, 1315 Walnut St., Phila., Pa., archts. CD 9/10.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **Fred Howland, Inc.**, 1451 N.W. 20th St., Miami, Fla., CA $1,137,713 (a) terminal bldg. addn. (b) Pier "E", Section 1-B, Miami International Airport, MIAMI, FLA. Dade Co. Port Auth., Court House, Miami, Fla. Bids Feb. 26. CD 3/4/58, under LB.

▲ **ALABAMA**—State Hy. Dpt., Montgomery, **MacDougald Constr. Co.**, 1625 Northside Dr., Atlanta, Ga. CA $2,186,613. grading, draining, paving 8 mi. from 1.1 mi. NE of Clanton, NW on Rte. 65, Chilton Co. Bids Dec. 20, awarded Jan. 8. CD 1/2, under LB.

▲† **Jahncke Service, Inc.**, 814 Howard Ave., New Orleans, La. LB $1,777,189. dredging 36x500 ft. channel for Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet from Sta. 0:00 to Sta.

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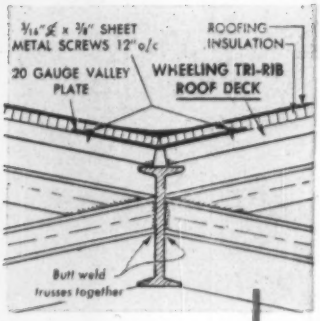
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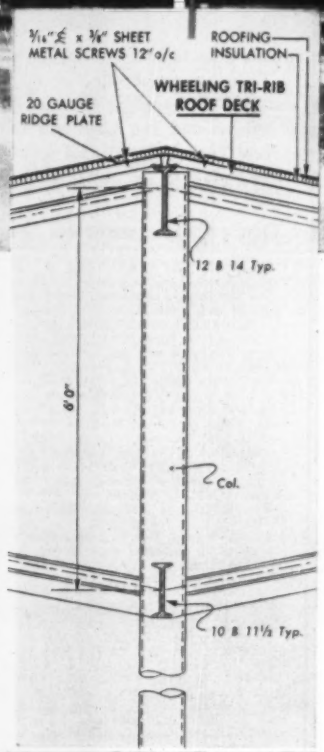

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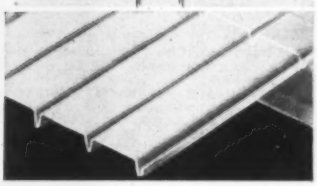

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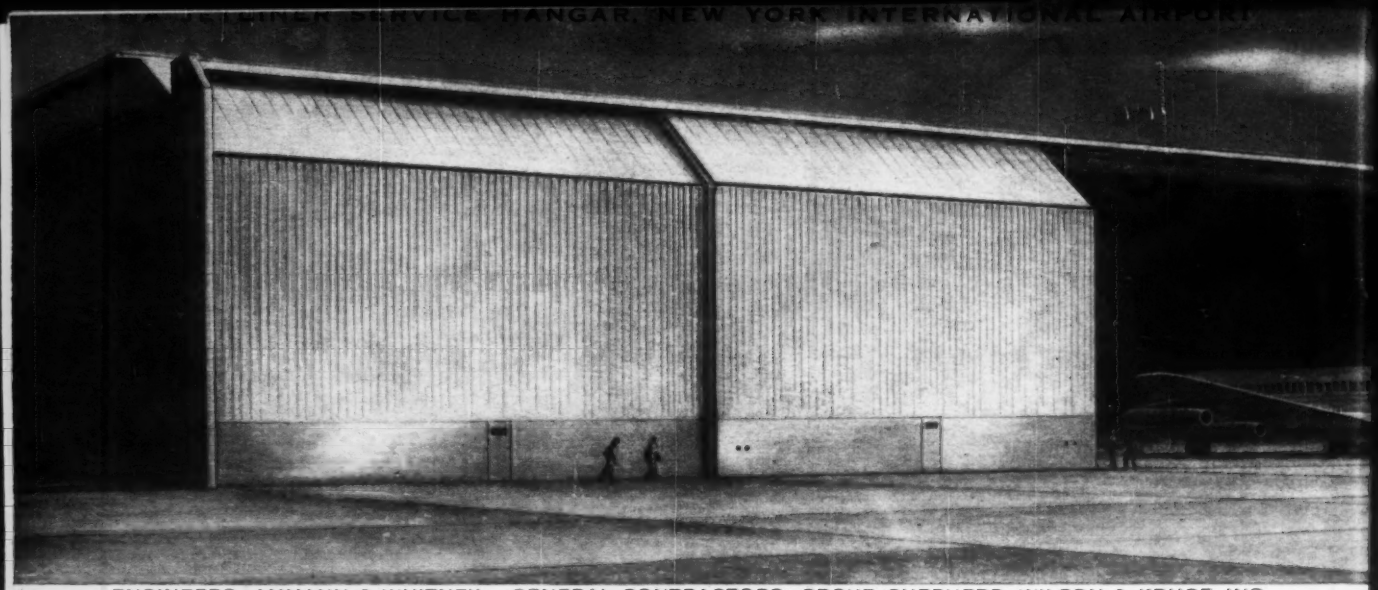

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130:00. Inv. 58-180, Orleans Parish, LOUISIANA. U. S. Eng., foot of Prytania St., New Orleans, La. Bids Mar. 5. CD 2/14.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **J. W. Bateson,** Gibraltar Life Bldg., Dallas, Tex., LB **$2,635,725** (10 bidders), FEDERAL OFFICE bldg. (lease-purchase project), HUNTINGTON, W. VA. General Services Admin., 19th and F Sts. N.W., **Wash., D. C. Bids Mar. 7.** CD 2/6, under Public Buildings.

▲ **Henry C. Beck Co. & Utah Constr. Co.,** Fulton National Bank, Atlanta, Ga., CA **$8,790,000** (joint venture), COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CENTER for Public Health Service (lease-purchase proj.) ATLANTA, GA. General Services Admin., P. Bldg., Wash., D. C. Bids Feb. 25, awarded Mar. 7. CD 2/27, under LB.

S. J. Curry & Co., Oglethorpe St., Albany, Ga., LB **$946,440,** (17 bidders) POST OFFICE and COURT HOUSE, (lease-purchase proj.) BRUNSWICK, GA. General Services Admin. Public Bldgs. Service, Region 450 Seventh St., Atlanta, Ga. Bids Mar. 11, CD 2/20, under Public Bldgs.

▲ **Brizendine Constr. Co.,** 2146 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala. Owner Builds. **$3,000,000.** 1,100 HOMES in Crestline Holiday Homes Subdivision, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. John M. Fuller, Stallings Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., archt. CD 5/24/56.

▲† **Blount Bros. Constr. Co.,** Box 1114, Montgomery, Ala. CA **$1,506,154** constr. INTERIM TROOP FACILITIES, incl. 1,000 man troop facility, 12 barracks bldgs., mess hall, 6 admin. bldgs. with day rooms and classroom bldg., all for Ordnance Guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal, HUNTSVILLE, ALA. U. S. Eng., 2301 Grant St., Mobile, Ala. CD 2/4.

▲† **Pearce & Gresham Constr. Co.,** Box 1527, Decatur, Ala. CA **$2,721,588** rocket and missile guidance control LABORATORY at Redstone Arsenal, HUNTSVILLE, ALA. U. S. Eng., 2301 Grant St., Mobile, Ala. Bids Feb. 20. CD 3/7, under LB.

Nelson Myers General Contractor, Box 1107, Columbus, Miss. CA **$999,585.** 1 story, 20 ft. high, 300x500 ft. concrete blocks, brick facing, aluminum siding WAREHOUSE and OFFICE, ABERDEEN, MISS. City, J. T. Roberts, city clk., City Hall, Aberdeen, Miss. Walker Mfg. Co., Racine, Wis., lessee. Giffels & Rossett, Marquette Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich., archts. Bids Feb. 21.

▲ **E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.,** duPont and Nemours Bldg., Wilmington, Del. Owner Builds. **$3,000,000** PLANT to produce "Dacron" polyester fiber on a site adjoining its rayon mfg. unit, OLD HICKORY, TENN.

MIDDLE WEST

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS

BRIDGES

March 25 Indiana

STREETS AND ROADS

March 25 Indiana

▲ Wis., **Oshkosh**—BA 3/27—City, City Hall, storm and sanitary sewerage sys., $1,000,000, Plans deposit $25, J. Donohue Eng. Co., 606 N. 8 St., Sheboygan, engr. CD 1/17.

▲ O., **Euclid**—BA 3/31—City, City Hall, 585 E 222nd St., Cleveland, June 23, Sewage disposal plant, Contr. 6 admin. and pretreatment bldg., 4 settling tanks, sludge pumping bldg., renovation and conversion of exist. Imhoff tank bldg. to new flocculation tank bldg. etc., $1,000,000. Plans deposit, $75. Havens & Emerson, 640 Leader Bldg., Cleveland, June 14, engrs. CD 11/9/56.

▲ O., **Cleveland**—BA 4/3—Comrs. Cuyahoga Co. Court House, Zone 13, underpass on E 222 St. at NKP R. R. tracks, Euclid, $1,132,000. Albert S. Porter, Standard Bldg., Zone, 13, engr. Plans deposit $100.

▲† Ill., **Scott Air Force Base**—DORMITORIES, etc.—BA 4/17—Dpt. U. S. Eng., merchandise mart, Chicago, Zone 54, (1) Airmen's dormitories three 3 story 25,000 sq. ft. bldgs. (2) 1 story, 13,000 sq. ft. dining hall (3) ext. facils for 4 bldgs., sewer, water, electrical, steam, pavement, drainage, grading, sidewalks. $1,250,000. CD 3/29/55.

BUILDINGS—BA

Wis., **Prairie du Chien**—RESIDENCE HALL—BA 4/9—Campion Jesuit High School, 4 story, bsmt., 40 x 300 ft. residence hall. $800,000, Plans deposit $35, E. Brielmaier & Sons Co., 735 N. Water St., Milwaukee, Zone 2, archt. CD 11/21.

▲† Ill., **Downey**—HOSPITAL—BA 5/13—Veterans Admin., Munitions Bldg., Wash. D. C., 7 hospital ward buildings, addns. to 13 misc. buildings. Project 12-5272, $20,132,000. (Correction—bid date). CD 3/4.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **OHIO**—State Hy. Dpt., Columbus, Zone 15,

O.—**Harrison Constr. Co.,** 1101 Western Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. CA **$3,856,043,** est. $4,178,400. Proj. SR 1-25-18 AC1-1103 (24) (Village of Lakeville) Type T-71 and structures, 5.044 mi., Ashtabula Co.;

O.—**The De Salvo Constr. Co.,** 3701 Red Bank Rd., Cincinnati, O. CA **$1,912,800,** est. $2,314,100. Proj. SR 4-24.45, 0.00 (SR 123 & 725), F-FG-085 (5) (Village of Germantown) Type T-35 on B-119 and structures, 8.300 mi., Butler and Montgomery Counties;

O.—**The Heffner Constr. Co.,** 509 N. Main St., Celina, O. CA **$2,973,521,** est. $3,265,900. Proj. USR 62-2.12, AC1-609 (10), 576 (6) Type T-71 and structures, 1.760 mi., Franklin Co.;

O.—**Burns Coal Co., Inc.,** P. O. Box 991, Zanesville, O. CA **$2,554,038,** est. $2,807,200. Proj. USR 52 (& SR 650) 3.03, F-FG-U-393 (7) (City of Ironton) (Village of Hanging Rock) Type T-71 and structures 3.554 mi., Lawrence Co.;

O.—**A. J. Baltes, Inc.,** 11 Olive St., Norwalk, O. CA **$5,951,731,** est. $6,163,200. Proj. SR 1-5.66 AC1 1105 (24) Type T-71 and structures, 6.887 mi., Medina Co. Grand total **$17,248,132.** Bids Feb. 18. CD 2/28, under LB.

▲ **W. L. Harper Co.,** 2910 Highland, Norwood, O., LB **$1,105,386** (3 bidders) constr. Section A-Ross Run Trunk Sewer; LB **$570,082** (3 bidders), Section B, CINCINNATI, O. Bd. Comrs. Hamilton Co., Court House, Cincinnati, O. Bids Mar. 4. CD 2/17.

▲ **INDIANA**—State Hy. Comm., John Peters, chn., State House Annex, Indianapolis,

Moellering Constr. Co., P. O. **Box 1168, Fort Wayne,** Ind., CA **$1,078,600,** rein-conc. 2.371 mi. U. S. 52, Contr. R-4293, Boone Co., Bids Jan. 28, CD 2/4 under LB.

▲ **ILLINOIS**—Dpt. P. Wks. & Bldgs., Div. Hys., Centennial Bldg., Springfield,

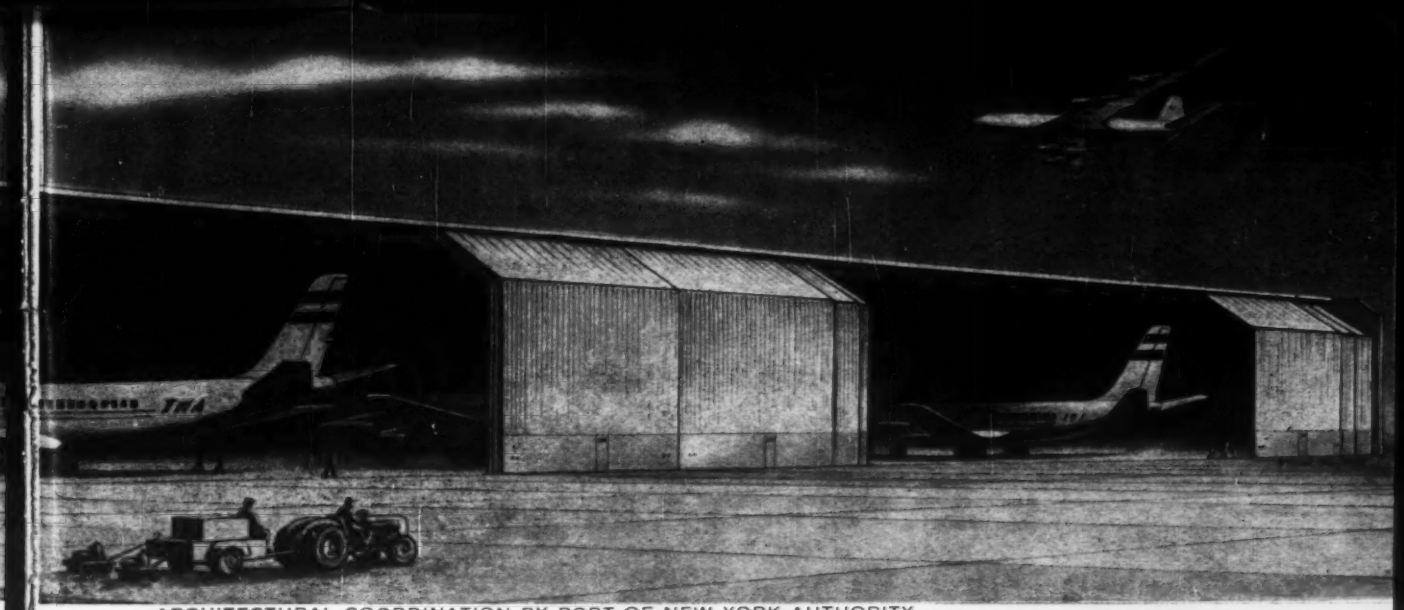
Ill.—**Bituminous Fuel & Oil Co.,** 1st National Bank, East St. Louis, Ill., CA **$522,451,** bit. patching and resurf., Dist. 9 Randolph and Perry Counties;

Ill.—**Howell Asphalt Co.,** Mattoon, Ill., CA **$599,815,** resurf. in Dist. 7 Shelby, Effingham and Jasper Counties;

Ill.—**Jefferson Asphalt Co.,** Mt. Vernon, Ill., CA **$534,632,** resurf. in Dist. 7 Effingham, Clay and Wayne Counties;

Ill.—**Payne & Dolan Inc.,** 38 South Dearborn, Chicago, Ill., CA **$866,249,** wid'n. resurf. US 51 in and north of Normal, McLean Co. Grand Total $2,523,147. Bids Feb. 25, awarded Mar. 5. CD 2/28, under LB.

▲ **Kenny Const. Co.,** 3220 Oakton, Skokie, Ill.; LB **$944,490.** Southwest side intercepting sewer, Lyons-Bedford Park-Justice and Willow Springs, CHICAGO, ILL. Metropolitan Sanitary Dist. of Greater Chicago,



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100 E. Erie St., Chicago, Ill. Bids Feb. 27. CD 2/19.
Thomas M. Madden Co., 4610 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill., LB $224,610, Upper des Plaines intercepting sewer, Cont. 11-C, Wheeling-Arlington Hts., Mt. Prospect, (Chicago, Ill.)

▲ Paschen Contractors, Inc., 2739 N. Elston Ave., Chicago, Ill., LB $1,009,760, NW Expressway, main drain, from Nashville Ave. to Foster Ave., Project BU-265 (30), CHICAGO, ILL. Cook Co., County Bldg., Chicago, Ill. (Correction—contractor) CD 1/24, under CA.

▲ Santucci Constr. Co., 5025 Church St., Skokie, Ill., CA $1,758,683, Mt. Prospect combined sanitary relief sewers, adjacent to village of Mt. Prospect, CHICAGO, ILL. Metropolitan Sanitary Dist. of Greater Chicago, 100 E. Erie St., Chicago, Ill. CD 3/7, under LB.

▲ MICHIGAN—State Hy. Dpt., John C. Mackie, comr., Stevens T. Mason Bldg., Lansing,
Lewis & Frisinger, Box 626, 2000 South Industrial Way, Ann Arbor, Mich., CA $2,886,485, est. $3,040,000, grading, drainage structure 6.069 mi. and dual 24 concrete paving 9 in. uniform incl. 2 bridges on US-16 relocation from Intersection with M-66 to Interstate with Portland Rd., BI 34044 C 7 RN (I 04-2 6) BI B3 of 34-1 6 C1 RN (I 04-2 6) BI B3 of 34-11 6 C1 RN (I 04-2 6), Hy. Act. 1956, Ionia Co. FAI. Bids Feb. 19. CD 3/3, under LB.

▲ MICHIGAN—State Hy. Dpt., John C. Mackie, comr., Stevens T. Mason Bldg., Lansing, Bids opened 3/4,
Mich.—Rieth-Riley Constr. Co., 837 Emmetts St., Battle Creek, Mich., Hillsdale Co., LB $121,177, (13 bidders) 24 ft. b. conc. 5.473 mi. M-99 from Ohio State line north in Hillsdale City, SS 30031 C2-R (S 750 3), Hillsdale Co.;
Mich.—Detroit Concrete Products Corp., 19209 W. Danson, Detroit, Mich., LB $137,048, (19 bidders), 20 ft. bit. aggreg. surf. 22.54 mi., 4.09 mi. gradation control various sections of County. CS 74-43 C2 (S 364 11) CS 74-50 C4 (S 928-1) CS 74-52 C1 (S 77 3) CS 74-62 C1 (S 875 2) CS 74-63 C1 (S 1550 1) CS 74-64 C1 (S 929 1), Sanalac Co.;
Mich.—E. C. Nolan, Jarvick Constr. Co., McQuestion & Kauthen and Bairley & Lindley, Inc., 4000 W. Jefferson, Trenton, Mich., LB $871,221, (11 bidders), 0.938 mi. dual 24 ft. concrete pavement, incl. 2 bridges on Detroit-Toledo Expressway from King Road north to Sibley Rd. B8 82191 C8-RN (I 017-1 5) BI B7 & B8 of 82-1-23 C2-RN (I 017-1 5), FAIS Hy. Act. 1956, Wayne Co. CD 2/14.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ The Dunbar Co., 8201 Cedar Ave., Cleveland 3, O., CA Est. approx. $1,000,000 (7 bidders) 3 story, brick, limestone, and wood, HOME for AGED, Kinsman and Lander Rds., BEACHWOOD, O. First Catholic

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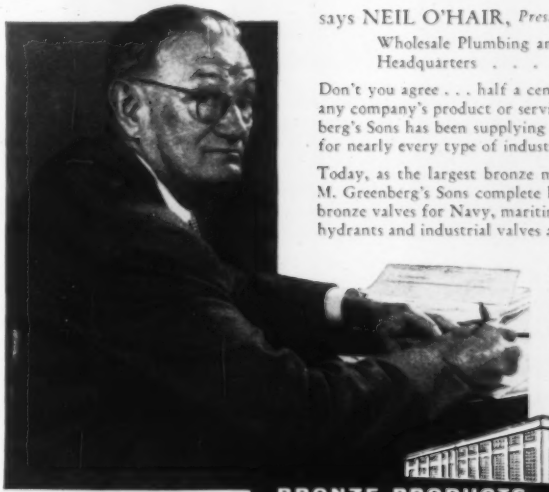

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▲ **Al. Scheer,** 3325 Koenig Ave., Cincinnati, O., CA remodel 6 story OFFICE BLDG., 7th and Walnut Sts., CINCINNATI, O. John Hibben Co., 7th and Walnut Sts., Cincinnati, O. Bids Feb. 21, awarded March 5. CD 2/11.

▲ **Hoadly Ryan,** 307 E. 4th St., Cincinnati, O. Own Forces. $1,035,000. 60—1 floor bsmnt., brick ven. HOMES, off Pippin Rd., CINCINNATI, O. J. S. Wald & Assocs., 2565 Galbraith, Cincinnati, O., archts-engrs. Awarded Mar. 3.

▲ **K-d Constr. Co.,** 6089 State Rd., Parma 29, O., Own Forces, $1,390,000, 100 HOMES, Miles and E. 154th St., CLEVELAND, O. Howard Greene Design Service, 2138 Lee Rd., Cleveland 18, O., archts.

▲ **B. G. Danis Co.,** 1518 E. First, Dayton, O. CA $1,582,832. general contract, tri-level bldg., Nettie Lee Roth HIGH SCHOOL, DAYTON, O. Bd. Educ., 348 W. First St., Dayton, O. Bids Feb. 24, awarded Feb. 27. CD 3/6/58, under LB;
H. J. Osterfeld Co., 417 S. Main, Dayton, O. CA $412,000. *plumbing and heating contract, tri-level* bldg., Nettie Lee Roth HIGH SCHOOL, (Dayton, O.)

M. Helper & Sons, Inc., 4118 Lee Rd., Cleveland 28, O. Own Forces, $800,000, 20 HOMES, SHAKER HEIGHTS and BEACHWOOD, O. Designed by Mr. M. Helper, c/o owner.

▲ **Joseph Bucheit & Sons,** 4040 Simon, Youngstown, O. CA $1,589,000, 4 story North Side HOSPITAL addn., YOUNGSTOWN, O. Youngstown Hospital Assn., Gypsy Lane and Goletta, Youngstown, O. Awarded Mar. 6. CD 11/21.

H. B. Barnard Co., 38 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., CA $905,000, Lying-In addn. Billings HOSPITAL, CHICAGO, ILL., University of Chicago, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill. Schmidt Garden & Erickson, 104 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., archts. CD 3/11.

▲ **George Sollitt Constr. Co.,** 109 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., CA $2,770,671, WOMEN'S RESIDENCE HALL; CA $1,174,652, DINING HALL for Women's Residence Hall, CHICAGO, ILL. University of Chicago, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill. Eero Saarinen & Assocs., W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills., Mich., archts. CD 3/6.

▲ **Fred Berglund & Son, Inc.,** 8410 South Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. CA $1,298,511, Charles Stewart Mott Bldg., INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS HALL, 1225 E. 60th St., CHICAGO, ILL. University of Chicago, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill. Schmidt Garden & Erickson, 104 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., archts. CD 11/29.

▲ **George A. Fuller Co.,** 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill., CA $1,200,000, 100,000 sq. ft. MANUFACTURING PLANT, COMPRESSOR BLDG., BOILER HOUSE, on 770 acres, NW cor. Ill., 83 and Devon, ELK GROVE, ILL. Hotpoint, Inc., Div. General Electric, 5600 W. Taylor St., Chicago, Ill. Albert Kahn Assoc., Architects & Engineers, Inc., 345 New Center Bldg., Detroit, Mich., archt.

▲ **Kaufman & Broad Bldg. Co.,** 15917 West 7-Mile Rd., Detroit, Mich., Owner Builds $5,500,000, Home Haven Sub-Division, Little Mack Rd. north 15-mile Rd., CLINTON, MICH.

▲† **Knapp-Stiles Assocs.,** 1600 Linden St. S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich., LB $5,224,000, 340 unit HOUSING, K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, MARQUETTE, MICH. U. S. Eng., 1101 Washington Blvd., Detroit, Mich. Bids Feb. 13. CD 2/4.

▲ **R. E. Dailey,** 21657 Telegraph Rd., Detroit, Mich. CA $1,340,000, general contract HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION BLDG., Plymouth State Home and Training School, PLYMOUTH, MICH. State, A. N. Langius, dir. State Bldg. Dpt., Lewis Case Bldg., Lansing, Mich. Bids Feb. 20. CD 3/6, under LB;
Goss Mechanical Contractors, 3409 Linden, Detroit, Mich. CA $570,388, mechanical (Plymouth, Mich.)

WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
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▲ **Minn., St. Paul**—BA 3/25—City, O. P. Simon, Jr., purch. agt., 253 City Hall, purification and filtration plant addn. at McCarron's Lake. $2,000,000. CD 4/5.

▲ **Minn., St. Louis Park**—BA 3/31—City, J. Justad, clk., constr. lateral sanitary sewer Proj. No. 58-3, Section A, 68,800 lin. ft. sanitary sewer, sewage lift station, 1,300 lin. ft. water service connections; Section B, 73,300 lin. ft. sanitary sewer, 100 GPM sewage lift station, 13,800 lin. ft. water service connections. $2,000,000. Plans deposit $50 per section. Orr-Schelen, 1104 Currie Ave., Minneapolis, engrs.

▲† **South Dakota**—BA About 4/10—U. S. Eng., 1709 Jackson St., Omaha, Neb., furnishing, installing seven 89,474 kva hydraulic turbine generators at Oahe Dam Site, Oahe Reservoir Proj., near Pierre. Inv. 25-066-58-60. Bids Jan. 7 rejected. CD 1/15, under LB.

▲† **Minn., Minneapolis**—HANGAR, etc.—BA 4/16—St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Comn., 2449 University Ave., St. Paul 14, (1) furnish, erect hangar structural steel, steel joists, $1,400,000 (2) sliding hangar doors and erection for hangar bldg. $800,000, for Northwest Airlines Main Base at Wold-Chamberlain Field. W. Butler Co., 1300 Minnesota Bldg., St. Paul, archt. CD 6/17/55.

▲† **Okla., Oklahoma City**—AIR BASE IMPRVS.—BA 4/16—U. S. Eng., Box 61, Tulsa, Zone 2, 28,000 sq. ft. terminal warehouse bldg., Tinker Air Force Base, $1,000,000. Hudgins Thompson & Ball, 1411 Classen, engrs. (Correction—Bid date). CD 2/18.

▲† **Texas**—BA About 4/17—U. S. Eng., 606 Santa Fe Bldg., Galveston, seawall exten., ENG-41-243-58-43. $1,000,000-$1,500,000. CD 11/6/52.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **Minn., Chisholm**—SCHOOL—BA 3/26—Bd. Educ., V. Gregarich, clk., 1 story, 104 x 254 ft. elementary school. $1,000,000. Plans deposit $25. T. J. Shefchick, 307 Lonsdale Bldg., Duluth, archt. CD 5/29.

▲† **Mo., Grandview**—HOUSING—BA 3/26—Procurement Officer, Bldg. 541, Base Theater Bldg., Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, 610 family type Capehart dwelling units, single and double, frame, Richard-Gebaur Air Force Base, No. 23-608-58-53. $11,500,000. Plans deposit $100. Geo. Dahl, 2101 N. St. Paul, Dallas, Tex. and Louis H. Geis, 7920 State Line, Kansas City, Mo., archts. CD 2/19.

▲ **Minn. Collegeville**—RESIDENCE HALL—BA 3/28—St. John's University, Abbott B. Dworschak, Collegeville, L shape two 4 story connecting wings student residence hall. $1,600,000. Plans deposit $50. M. Breuer & Assocs., 201 East 57 St., New York 22, N. Y., assoc. archts. Traynor & Hermanson, Box 56, St. Cloud, archts. CD 1/4, under LB.

▲ **Ark., Conway**—COTTAGES, etc.—BA 4/2—State Purchasing Officer's Dpt., State Capitol, Little Rock constr. 8 cottages, school, etc., U. S. 64-65, for Arkansas State Children's Colony, Bd. Directors, David B. Ray., Supt., Union Life Bldg., Little Rock and Conway. $1,200,000. Ginocchio, Cromwell & Assocs. 416 Center St., Little Rock, archts. CD 8/28.

▲ **Colo., Littleton**—SCHOOLS, etc.—BA 4/2—Bd. Educ., School Dist. No. 6, Arapahoe Co., 176 S. Grant Ave., 2 story, 60 x 196 ft. Junior High School. $1,131,000. Harbert & Gillum, 939 Grant, Denver, archts. Earl Chester Morris, 122 E. 19th Ave., Denver, engr. Arthur M. Riley Jr., 435 N. Cedar, Littleton, Colo., archt. CD 12/3/57.

▲† **N. M., Albuquerque**—HOUSING—BA About 4/8—U. S. Eng., Box 1538, Albuquerque, 213 unit Capehart Housing, Inv. No. ENG-29-005-58-8. $3,195,000. CD 10/20/55.

▲ **Minn., St. Paul**—HOUSING—BA 4/8—Regents of the University of Minnesota, C. A. Smith, purch. agt., 404 Administration Bldg., Minneapolis, Zone 4, married students' housing on St. Paul Campus. $1,000,000. Plans deposit $25. Magney, Tusler & Setter, 303 Roanoke Bldg., Minneapolis, archts. CD 6/7.

▲ **Mo., St. Louis**—HOSPITAL—BA 4/11—Christian Hospital, 4400 N. Newstead Ave., Zone 15, 6 story, bsmnt., 85 x 138 ft., brick, bedford stone, rein.-con. hospital addn. with 72,530 sq. yd. floor space and extensive revamping present bldg. $2,000,000. Syl. G. Schmidt & Assocs., Railway Exhange Bldg., 611 Olive St., Zone 1, Mo., archts.-engrs. CD 6/14.

▲† **N. M., Alamogordo**—HOUSING—BA On Or About 4/22—Directorate of Procurement, Base Theatre, Holloman Air Force Base, 400 family housing units, Inv. 29-600-58-92. Plans deposit $100. CD 8/24/56.

▲ **Ark., Pine Bluff**—HOSPITAL—BA 6/1 (tentative)—Jefferson Co., Court House, Pine Bluff, 234-bed 150,000 sq. ft. floor space, county hospital, parking areas, 40th and Mulberry Ave. $4,500,000. Reed & Willis, National Bldg., Pine Bluff, and Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson, Pyramid Life Bldg., Little Rock, assoc. archts, Rawland E. Blaylock & Assocs., Pyramid Life Bldg., Little Rock, engrs. CD 5/6.

BUILDINGS—SLC

▲ **Tex., Longview**—YMCA BLDG.—Young Men's Christian Assn., Longview, soon lets contract, YMCA Bldg. $1,000,000. Wilson, Morris, Crain & Anderson, 3330 Graustark, Houston, archts. CD 12/4.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲† **Westinghouse Electric Corp.,** 707 Boyle Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. CA $1,921,720. furnishing main generators, Units 3 and 4, for Table Rock Dam and Reservoir, f.o.b. Branson, IFB CIVENG-03-05-58-228, MISSOURI. U. S. Eng., P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark. CD 9/5, under Missouri and Arkansas.

† **Standard Dredging Corp.,** 80 Broad St., New York, N. Y. CA $979,480 dredging Brownsville channel, Brownsville, Cameron Co., TEXAS. U. S. Eng., 606 Santa Fe Bldg., Galveston, Tex. Bids Feb. 20.

▲ **Vilbig Constr. Co.,** P. O. Box 5926, Dallas, Tex. LB $1,089,900, est. $1,200,000 constr. Champion Creek Dam on Champion Creek near Colorado City TEXAS. Texas Elec. Service Co., J. B. Thomas pres. gen. mgr., Electric Bldg., Fort Worth, Tex. bids Mar. 7. CD 2/26.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Watson Constr. Co.,** 1409 Willow St., Minneapolis, Minn., LB $4,298,000 (9 bidders), general contract 6 story, steel frame, 44,884 sq. ft. on each floor, STATE OFFICE BLDG., incl. 3 penthouses, Capitol Grounds, Cedar St. between Central Ave. and Columbus Ave., ST. PAUL, MINN. State, Dpt. Admin., Director of Procurement, 19 State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn. Bids Mar. 6. CD 2/5;
Grudem Bros. Co., 635 North Prior Ave., St. Paul, Minn., LB $764,750 (5 bidders), mechanical (St. Paul, Minn.);
Batzli Electric Co., 710 University Ave., St. Paul, Minn., LB $597,879 (5 bidders), electrical (St. Paul, Minn.);
Pierre Aircon Co., 525 Jackson St., St. Paul, Minn., LB $66,764 (11 bidders), ventilating (St. Paul, Minn.)

▲ **The Weitz Co., Inc.,** 406 Fleming Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa, CA $1,084,730, POST OFFICE (lease-purchase project) BURLINGTON, IOWA. General Services Admin., c/o William Holloway, regional dir., 2306 Bannister Rd., Kansas City, Mo. Bids Feb. 14, awarded Mar. 7. CD 2/24, under LB.

▲ **Sharp Brothers Constr. Co.,** 95 and Troost, Kansas City, Mo., LB $3,081,349 (5 bidders) Penway Plaza HOUSING, 250 units in 42 buildings, KANSAS CITY, MO. Kansas City Housing Auth., Forrest D. Byers, chn.; 1220 Independence Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Bids Mar. 6. CD 2/11.

▲ **J. W. Bateson Co., Inc.,** P.O. Box 13307, Walnut Hill Station, Dallas, Tex. LB $6,844,000 POST OFFICE and COURTHOUSE (lease-purchase project) OMAHA, NEB. General Services Admin., F St., between 18th and 19th Sts. N.W., Wash., D. C. Bids Mar. 11. CD 2/5.

▲ **Mid-Valley Constructors, Inc.,** 4241 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Tex. CA Est. $7,000,000-$8,000,000. PAPER MILL expan., EVADALE, TEX. East Texas Paper & Pulp Co., Evadale, Tex. Bids Feb. 17. CD 2/17.

▲ **Continental Can Co.,** 100 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y., cancelled bids container mfg. PLANT, TYLER, TEX. $2,000,000. CD 2/3.

▲ **F. J. Kirchhof Constr. Co.,** 700 Lawrence, Denver, Colo., LB $1,833,081, 6 story, bsmnt., approx. 69 x 200 ft., HOSPITAL Addn. DENVER, COLO. Presbyterian Hospital, E. 19th Ave. and Gilpin, Denver, Colo. Bids Mar. 6. CD 2/11.

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▲ **Washington** — SUBSTATION — BA 3/27 — Bonneville Power Admin., 1001 N.E. Lloyd Blvd., Portland, Ore., constr. 115-kv addns. to Cosmopolis substation, Inv. 8683, Plans deposit $20, L. C. Stewart, c/o owner engr. CD 2/5/51.

▲ **Ore., Portland**—BA 3/28—City, Bureau Water, City Hall constr. 1,010 ft. diversion tunnel, 15 ft. diam. and 1,720 ft. 7 in. diam. fresh water tunnel, both steel lined, intake structures outlet works, station service generators and controls, Bull Run Watershed Proj. Stevens & Thompson, 2234 SW 5th, Portland, Ore., engrs. Constr. to start early in May.

▲ **Utah, Salt Lake City**—BA 4/15—Metropolitan Water Dist. Fisher Harris, mgr., Tribune Bldg., water treatment plant at Little Cottonwood Creek $6,500,000. Plans deposit $100. Headman, Ferguson & Carollo, 330 N. 3 St., Phoenix, Ariz. engrs. CD 8/30/54.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **Calif., Bellflower**—SCHOOL—BA 3/28—Bellflower Unif. School Dist. 16703 S. Clark Ave., high school Bellflower St. $1,500,000. CD 8/31/56.

▲ **Calif., San Bernardino**—HOSPITAL ADDN.—BA 3/31—Bd. Supervs. San Bernardino Co., Courthouse, Phase 2, 5 story, rein.-con. addn. to San Bernardino County Hospital. $2,500,000. Jay Dewey Harnish & W. W. Fickes, 222 E. "B" St., Ontario, archts. (Correction—bid date). CD 2/21.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

Key Constr. Co., 1601 Taylor Way, Tacoma, Wash. CA $934,680 (11 bidders), two 230 kva steel tower transmission lines 7 mi. from Priest Rapid Dam to BPA Midway sub-station near Vernita, Grant Co. (part of multi-million-dollar Priest Rapids Dam Proj.), WASHINGTON. Grant County Public Utility Dist., Ephrata, Wash. Bids Jan. 15. Harza Eng. Co., 400 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill., engr. CD 1/22, under LB.

▲ **CALIFORNIA**—State Div. Hys., 120 S. Spring St., Los Angeles,
E. L. Yeager Co., Yeager Constr. Co., Bert C. Altfillisch, Altfillisch Constr. Co., & Lowe & Watson, P.O. Box 84, Riverside, Calif. CA $3,772,000, grading, paving 7.9 mi. San Diego Freeway US Hy. 101 and between 0.4 mi. south of Trabuco Creek and 0.3 mi. north of Niguel Rd., incl. freeway and frontage road bridges over Trabuco Creek, bridges over Oso and Alison Creeks, the El Toro overhead and Oso Rancho and Niguel interchanges, VII Ora-2 A, B., Orange Co. Bids Feb. 20, awarded Mar. 6. CD 2/25, under LB.

▲† **Clyde W. Woods & Sons Constr. Co.,** 6900 Tujunga Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. LB $1,117,565. (10 bidders) imprv. Upper Rio Hondo Channel, Lower Azusa Rd. to Valley Blvd. River Mile 14.91 to River Mile 13.75, Los Angeles Co., ENG-04-353-58-11, CALIFORNIA. U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Mar. 6. CD 2/14.

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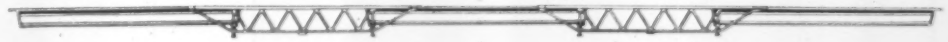

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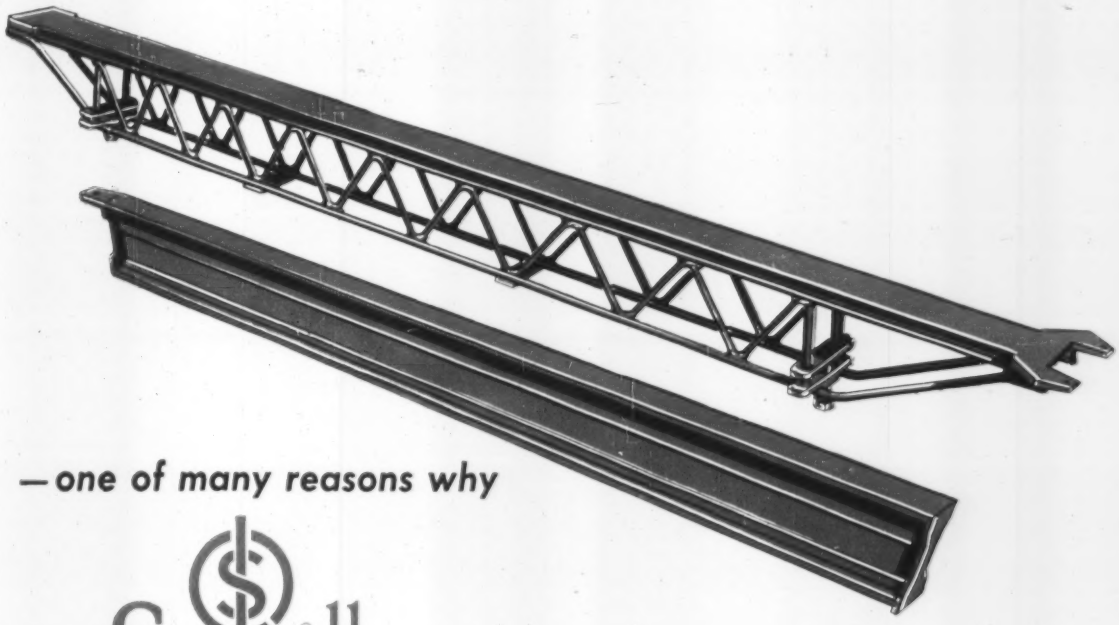

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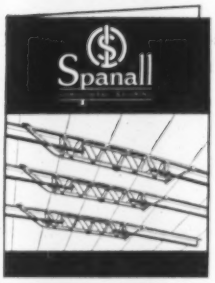

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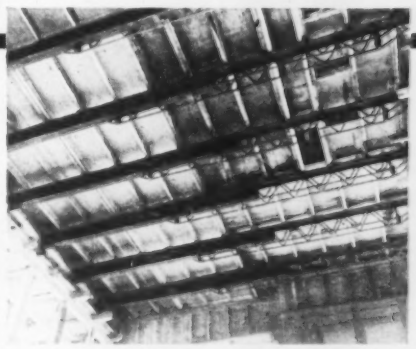

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▲ **General American Transportation Co.**, 900 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. CA **$1,325,726** furnish, deliver, erect and test complete 500,000 cu. ft. gas holder and foundation, east of San Gabriel River and south of Carson St. LONG BEACH, CALIF. Long Beach City Council, City Hall, 205 W. Broadway, Long Beach, Calif. Bids Jan. 29, awarded Feb. 28. CD 1/25.

▲ **Vido Artukovich & Sons, Inc.**, 11155 Rush St., El Monte, Calif. LB **$3,142,505.** (11 bidders), 6 mi. 78 in. pipe line Second San Diego Aqueduct in Riverside and San Diego Counties, near Temecula, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Metropolitan Water Dist. of Southern California, 306 W. 3 St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Mar. 6. CD 2/10.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Stearns-Roger Mfg. Co.**, 665 Bannock, Denver, Colo. CA Over **$10,000,000**, design and construct COPPER REDUCING PLANT, HAYDEN, ARIZ. Kennecott Copper Co., Kearns Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah.

▲ **Home Planners, Inc.**, Everett, Wash., Day Labor, **$1,000,000**, 62 HOMES in Shannon Heights area for employers of The Texas Co., ANACORTES, WASH.

▲ **Albert Vik & Son Constr. Co.**, 160 Madison Ave., Eugene, Ore., CA **$1,000,000**, HOME for the AGED, EUGENE, ORE. Saverson Memorial Home Assn., 3500 S. Hillyard St., Eugene, Ore. Frank N. Hitchcock, 877 Wilmett, Eugene, Ore., archt. Awarded Mar. 6.

▲ **Fred S. Macomber**, 2727 North Cedar Ave., Fresno, Calif. LB **$1,307,000** Sched. B, lift slab constr. LB **$1,608,000** Sched. A, cast in place (4 bidders) for three 3 story rein.-con. brick, masonry, concrete RESIDENCE HALLS and certain site development at Fresno State College, FRESNO, CALIF. State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, Calif. Bids Mar. 11. CD 2/18.

▲ **William Simpson Constr. Co.**, 2401 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. CA **$2,000,000.** 8 story Main OFFICE BLDG., GLENDALE, CALIF. Glendale Federal Savings & Loan Corp., 122 W. Broadway, Glendale, Calif. Bank Bldg. & Equipment Corp., 1130 Hampton Ave., St. Louis, Mo., archts. (Correction—architects address), CD 2/26.

▲ **W. C. Crowell**, 170 E. California St., Pasadena, Calif. LB **$1,126,100.** (7 bidders), constr. Bonita Union HIGH SCHOOL, LA VERNE, CALIF. Bonita Union High School Dist., 1124 Bonita Ave., La Verne, Calif. Bids Mar. 5. CD 2/14.

▲ **L. E. Dixon**, 409 South California St., San Gabriel, Calif. LB **$2,716,000.** (14 bidders), 7 story Harbor Dpt. ADMINISTRATION BLDG., LONG BEACH, CALIF. Long Beach Harbor Dpt., 1333 El Embarcadero, Long Beach, Calif. Bids Mar. 6. CD 2/11.

▲ **Wm. Simpson Constr. Co.**, 2401 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. CA **$2,000,000**, 6 story, 80x150 ft. OFFICE BLDG., Wilshire Blvd., LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Southern Federal Savings & Loan Assoc., 3871 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

▲ **Robert E. McKee Co.**, 4700 San Fernando Rd., West Los Angeles, Calif. CA **$16,800,000** general constr. 25 story, 3 bsmnts., rein.-con. 850,000 sq. ft. Kaiser Center OFFICE BLDG. and for constr. 5 level GARAGE and SHOPS structure. 2036 Webster St. OAKLAND, CALIF. Henry J. Kaiser, 1924 Webster St., Oakland Calif. Bids Feb. 21. CD 2/27, under LB.

▲ **Evert & Payton**, 717 Main St., Santa Paula, Calif. CA **$1,034,889** 1 story, frame, stucco 5 wings of back to back classrooms, shops and music bldg. Hueneme HIGH SCHOOL, at Bard Rd. and C St., Port Hueneme OXNARD, CALIF. Oxnard Union High School Dist., 309 S. K St., Oxnard, Calif. Bids Feb. 19. CD 2/26, under LB.

▲ **Haas & Haynie**, 275 Pine St., and **Ben C. Gerwick**, 417 Market St., San Francisco, Calif. (joint venture) CA pilings and foundation work for new 15 story HEADQUARTERS BLDG., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corp., 20th and Illinois Sts., San Francisco, Calif. CD 2/20/57.

▲ **Santa Ana School Dist.**, 1415 French St., Santa Ana, Calif. cancelled bids to have been opened Mar. 25, Del Rio SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (formerly Fairview High School) SANTA ANA, CALIF. **$2,500,000.** Will re-advertise. CD 3/7.

▲ **James I. Barnes Constr. Co.**, 1119 Montana Ave., Santa Monica, Calif. CA **$1,148,700**, 2 story, 45,000 sq. ft. concrete block SCIENCE BLDG. UNIT NO. 2, Goleta Campus, SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. University of California Santa Barbara Campus, Goleta, Santa Barbara, Calif. Bids Feb. 6. CD 2/10, under LB.

CANADA

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

▲ **Man., Winnipeg**—BA 4/9—City, City Hall, fabrication and erection of steel superstructure for Red River Bridge, Total est. $5,912,000. CD 11/4/55.

▲† **Newfoundland, Stephensville**—AIR BASE IMPRVS.—BA 4/30—U. S. Eng., Eastern Ocean Dist. Office, Ottawa Defense Constr., 56 Lyon St., Ottawa, Ont., 200-unit Family Housing and services, Harmon Air Base, $1,500,000. CD 2/24.

BUILDINGS—BA

Que., Chateauquay—APARTMENTS—BA 3/14—Quebec Legion Memorial Housing Corp., c/o Archibald, Illsley & Templeton, archts., 1440 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, 128-unit apartments, near Veterans' Housing Project, $900,000. CD 1/18/57.

▲ **Alta., Edmonton**—NURSES RESIDENCE, etc.—BA 3/31—Royal Alexandra Hospital Bd., 11th Ave., nurses' residence and training school. $2,700,000. Rensaa & Minsos, 9130 Jasper Ave., archts. CD 1/10/57.

▲ **Newfoundland, St. John's**—HOUSING—BA 4/3—Central Mortgage & Housing Corp., 357 Water St., St. John's, 146-row housing and apartment units with related services, Elizabeth Ave. and Whitney St. $2,000,000. CD 2/18.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **Piggott Constr. Ltd.**, Pipeline Division, Calgary, Alta., CA Est. **$10,000,000**, 145 mi. 24 in. pipe line from point near Pincher Creek gas field to main line junction at Princess, ALBERTA. Alberta Gas Trunk Line, Co. Ltd., 320 9th Ave. W., Calgary, Alta. CD 1/5/56.

▲ **Atlas Constr. Co. Ltd.**, 4781 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Que., CA About **$1,000,000** (20 bidders) concrete Bridge Piers 16A, 17A, D-19-24 incl., for railway line diversion, Victoria Bridge, MONTREAL, QUE. Canadian National Railways, 355 McGill St., Montreal, Que. Bids Feb. 10, Awarded Mar. 3, CD 1/16.

Magil Constr. Ltd., 410 Gratton St., St. Laurent, Que., CA **$125,000**, constr. concrete Bridge Piers 29-38, Victoria Bridge, (Montreal, Que.).

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Burns & Dutton Concrete & Constr. Co. Ltd.**, Box 636, Edmonton, Alta. CA About **$1,500,000**: 1 story, 264x300 ft. masonry, steel DIESEL SHOP to contain 20 tracks, at Calder Yard, EDMONTON, ALTA. Canadian National Railways, B. Chappell, chf. engr. Western Region, CNR Station, Winnipeg, Man. Bids Jan. 6, awarded Mar. 4. CD 12/27.

Foundation Co. of Canada Ltd., 902 11th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta. CA **$960,000** erect new BREWERY to have annual cap. of 75,000 bbl., CRESTON, B. C. Interior Breweries Ltd., Creston, B. C. McKeen & Gray, 355 Burrard St., Vancouver, B. C., archts. Awarded Mar. 1. CD 4/2/57.

▲ **Ball Bros. Ltd.**, 49 King St. E., Kitchener, Ont., CA **$1,686,500**, HOSPITAL and CHAPELS BLDG. No. 2, and ACCOMMODATION BLDG. No. 3, Eastern Penitentiary site, 10 mi. NE of KINGSTON, ONT. Dpt. Justice, Penitentiaries Branch, Justice Bldg., Ottawa, Ont. Lt. Col. R. W. Catto, c/o owner, ch. engr. CD 2/19, under LB.

▲ **Soo Mill & Lumber Co.**, North St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Owner Builds, **$1,000,000**, HOUSING PROGRAM, Poplar Grove and Forest Glen subdivisions, SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.

Ball Bros. Ltd., 49 King St. E., Kitchener, Ont., CA **$780,200** (7 bidders) 3 story, 70x250 ft. precast concrete, brick constr. with limestone trim. CHEMISTRY BLDG., WATERLOO, ONT. Waterloo College, General Office, Dearborn Ave. W., Waterloo, Ont. Bids Feb. 27, awarded Mar. 4. CD 3/7, under LB.

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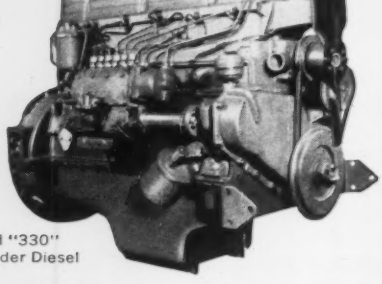

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▲ Constant & Katz, c/o Ben-Ami Shulman, archts., 5174 Cote des Neiges Rd., Montreal, Que., Owner Builds, $1,000,000, 5 story, bsmnt. for garage, 88 x 200 ft. concrete fdn., rein.-con. frame, 100-suite, APARTMENT, MONTREAL, QUE.

▲ Pigott Constr. Co. Ltd., 1510 Drummond St., Montreal, Que. CA About $4,000,000, completing 10 story rein.-con., slab, Indiana limestone exterior, brick backing, terra-cotta furring, DEPARTMENT STORE extension, incl. 2 more sections, ramp off Burnside St. and tunnel under Victoria St., MONTREAL, QUE. The T. Eaton Co. Ltd., 677 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Que. Wiggs, Walford, Frost & Lindsay, 4335 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, Que., engrs. Bids Mar. 5. CD 2/19.

▲ Smith Bros. & Wilson Ltd., 2135-6th Ave., Regina, Sask., CA Est. $3,000,000, 3 story, bsmnt. 140x300 ft. rein.-con. DEPARTMENT STORE, SASKATOON, SASK. Hudson's Bay Co., 79 Main St., Winnipeg, Man. Bids Feb. 25. Awarded Mar. 3. CD 1/29.

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HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ M. W. Kellogg Co., 711 3 Ave., New York, N. Y., U.S.A., CA 24,000 bbl. per day three unit addn. to oil refinery, CONCON, CHILE. Empresa Nacional Del Petroleo, Govt. of Chile, Santiago.

U. S. POSSESSIONS

BUILDINGS—BA

▲† Guam, Mariana Islands—DORMITORY, etc.—BA 5/1—Area Public Works Officer, Marianas, P.O. Box 35, Agana, airmen's dormitory, officers quarters utilities, special weapons training aircraft maintenance shop, aircraft washrack, NBy 3386. $4,000,000. Plans deposit $235. CD 8/5.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲† Richards Constr. Co., P.O. Box 1187, Studio City, Calif. CA $8,794,085. 650 Capehart HOUSING UNITS, concrete slab floors, frame walls, ranges, Marine Corp Air Station, NBy 12526, KANEOHE BAY, T. H. Dist. P. Wks Office, 14th N. D., Pearl Harbor, T. H. CD 2/5, under LB.

▲† Murray & Saunders, 2166 S. Main St., Santa Ana, Calif. LB $3,268,000. (6 bidders), 248 unit Capehart HOUSING, (incl. sewage, roads, etc.), NBy 14616, Camp H. M. Smith & Naval Ammunition Depot, MANANA, T. H. Dist. P. Wks. Office, 14th N.D., Pearl Harbor, T. H.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

WATER SUPPLY

▲ Tex., Coleman—City, constr lake (for water supply) $1,280,000; 14 mi. water supply line to Coleman limits (for domestic water supply). Forrest & Cotton, 600 Vaughn Bldg., Dallas, consult. engrs.

▲ Ont., Riverside—Town, Town Hall, water filtration plant, $1,000,000.

SEWERS, WASTE DISPOSAL

▲ Calif., Glendale—City, City Hall, $3,250,000 bond election June 3, sewage plant and outfall sewer. CD 11/22/44.

▲ Ill., Chicago—Metropolitan Sanitary Dist. of Greater Chicago, 100 E. Erie St., Calumet treatment works outfall sewer 127th and Indiana, $1,000,000; Calumet intercepting sewer Cont. 17-D, W. of Michigan-Central R.R. tracks from 130th St. to south of Calumet River, Chicago-Dolton, $900,000; sewage treatment plant and pumping station, Joe Orr Rd. and Sauk Trail, $600,000, CD 10/10/56.

▲ Mich., Detroit—Bd. Supervs. Wayne Co., City-County Bldg., Zone 26, trunk sewers in all unserved areas Nankin Twp. $3,000,000. Hubbell, Roth & Clark, 954 North Hunter Blvd., Birmingham, engrs. CD 12/25/56.

▲ Ore., Klamath Falls—City, City Hall, sewers, $1,376,000; plant $343,115. Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, 1600 Western Ave., Corvallis, consult. engrs. CD 2/1/56.

▲ Pa., Bangor—Borough, Borough Hall, Ralph Erdman, council pres., sanitary sewerage sys. and treatment plant, Proj. No. PA 36-P-3082. $1,466,200.

▲ Ont., Brantford—Ontario Water Resources Com., East Block, Parliament Bldgs., Toronto, 12,500,000 g.p.d. sewage treatment plant. $2,910,000.

BRIDGES

▲ IDAHO—State Hy. Dpt., Boise,
Bannock Co.—4-lane underpass (railway) 0.3 mi. N.S. 30 N, $500,000.
Bingham Co.—railway underpass, grade; structures, base, 6.8 mi. U.S. 91-191, $1,434,000.
3 highway separations, railway overpass, 1 mi. U. S. 91-191, $509,000.
Cassia Co.—7 major structures .2 mi. U. S. 30 N, $764,000.
Jerome Co.—major structure, State Hy. 25, $957,000.
Lewis Co.—2 railroad underpasses, U. S. 95, $200,000.
Minidoka and Cassia Counties—1,000 ft. Twin Bridges 0.2 mi. U. S. 30 N, $825,000.
Minidoka Co.—5 major structures 0.4 mi. U. S. 30 N, $1,501,000.
Owyhee Co.—520 ft. bridge and approach, bit. surf. treatment 0.5 mi. State Hy. 51, $282,000.
Payette Co.—grade, 4-lane overpass, plantmix 1.5 mi. State Hy. 52, $907,000.
twin bridges, Snake River, 0.1 mi. U. S. 30, $780,000.

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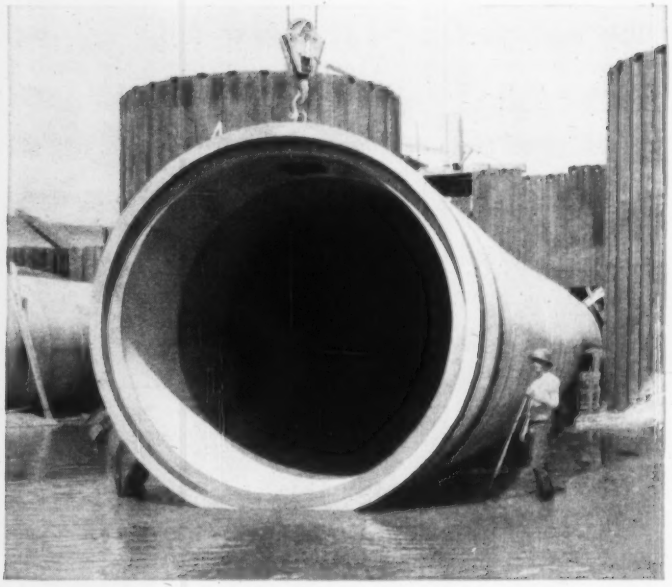

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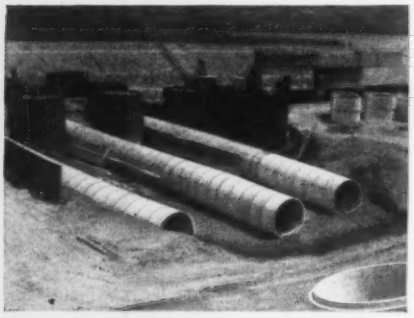

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6 major structures, U. S. 30, $715,000.
10 major structures, U. S. 30, $880,000.
Power Co.—major structures, bit. surf. treatment 1.0 mi. U. S. 30 N, $500,000.
Washington Co.—4-lane underpass (railway); grade, plantmix 1.7 mi. U. S. 30 N, $850,000.
▲ **IDAHO**—State Hy. Dpt., Boise,
Benewah Co.—roadmix 1.3 mi. N. S. 95 A, 2-lane overpass (railway) approaches, $290,000.
Bonner Co.—2 railroad separations; grade, bit. surf. treatment 2.9 mi. N. S. 95; $1,615,000.
reconstr. railroad overpass, relocate approaches, 0.5 mi. N. S. 2-95, $300,000.
Bonneville Co.—major structures, N. S. 91, $1,740,000.
Boundary Co.—railway underpass 1 mi. N. S. 95, $600,000.
Kootenai Co.—8 structures 4.8 mi. N. S. 10, $1,200,000.
Shoshone Co.—3 structures 5.2 mi. N. S. 10, $800,000.
▲ **Ont., Leaside**—Town of Leaside, 235 McRae St., Leaside (Toronto suburb), high level bridge, Don Mills Rd., Thorncliffe Park, $1,000,000. T. O. Lazarides & Assocs. Ltd., 209 Davenport Rd., Toronto, consult. engrs.

STREETS AND ROADS

▲ **IDAHO**—State Hy. Dpt., Boise,
Ada Co.—curbs and gutters, channel, plant mix, 1 mi. U.S. 30, $500,000.
grade, channel, plantmix, 4-lane, 5.8 mi. U.S. 30, $1,250,000.
grade, plantmix, 6.3 mi. State Hy. 44, Star to Eagle, $1,204,000.
surf., plantmix 14 mi. State Hy. 21, $710,000.
grade, plantmix 8.9 mi. State Hy. 16, $949,000.
Bannock Co.—grade, major structure, base, 1.7 mi. U.S. 91-191, $242,000.
grade, major structure, base, 0.5 mi. U.S. 91-191, $154,000.
grade, major structure, base 5.9 mi. U.S. 91-191, $873,000.
Bear Lake Co.—grade, curb and gutters, plantmix 4-lane 0.3 mi. U.S. 89, city of Montpelier, $147,000.
Bingham Co.—recondition, surf., bit. surf. treatment 43.2 mi. State Hy. 38, $430,000.
wid'n. and pave shoulders 10.6 mi. U.S. 26-91, $137,000
grade, base, 3.5 mi. U.S. 91-191, $1,152,000.
grade, curb and gutters, lights, plantmix, 4-lane, Blackfoot streets 2.1 mi. U.S. 91-191, $700,000.
surf., plantmix 16.5 mi. U.S. 9-191, $1,172,000.
Butte Co.—curbs and gutters, bit. surf. treatment, 1.8 mi. U.S. 20-26-93A, $286,000.
Canyon Co.—grade, roadmix 5 mi. State Hy. 72, $75,000.
reconstruct 2-lane 6.7 mi. State Hy. 45, $670,000.
reconstruct 4-lane hy. 0.7 mi. State Hy. 45, $160,000.
grade, curbs and gutters, plantmix 2.6 mi. U.S. 30, Caldwell street, city of Caldwell, $500,000.
grade, surf., plantmix 9.3 mi. U.S. 20-26, $1,200,000.
Caribou Co.—grade, surf., bit. surf. treatment, 2.0 mi. U.S. 30 N, $150,000.
Cassia Co.—recondition, surf., bit. surf. treatment 7.2 mi. U.S. 30, $347,000.
relocation, bit. surf. treatment 5.5 mi. State Hy. 77, $323,000.
curbs and gutters, plantmix 4-lane 1.5 mi. State Hy. 27, $160,000.
surf. and plantmix 29.4 mi. U.S. 30 N, $3,560,000.
grade, minor structure, 21.3 mi. Raft River bridge, U.S. 30 N, $2,304,000.
Clearwater Co.—grade, plantmix 9 mi. State Hy. 7, $382,000.
Elmore Co.—recondition, curbs and gutters, surf., plantmix 3.7 mi. U.S. 30, $355,000.
grade, structures, plantmix, 4-lane 8.2 mi. U.S. 30, $2,000,000
Franklin Co.—grade, bit. surf. treatment 5.8 mi. State Hy. 34, $432,000.
grade, curb and gutters, plantmix, 2-lane 3.8 mi. U.S. 91, $280,000.
curb and gutter, grade, plantmix, 4-lane, 1 mi. State Hy. 86, Preston streets, city of Preston, $145,000.
Idaho Co.—relocate, grade 13.5 mi. U.S. 95, $1,462,000.
plantmix 12 mi. U.S. 95, $396,000.
grade bit. surf. treatment 5.5 mi. U.S. 95, $1,360,000.
Jerome Co.—surf. and plantmix 7.5 mi. State Hy. 25, $990,000.
grade and minor structures, 7.5 mi. State Hy. 25, $1,680,000.
Latah Co.—grade, surf. 5.5 mi. State Hy. 7, $399,000.
relocate, grade, plantmix 2.2 mi. State Hy. 7, $268,000.
plantmix 20.3 mi. U.S. 95 A, $383,000.
Minidoka Co.—grade, curb and gutters, plantmix 4-lane 1.5 mi. U.S. 30 N, Rupert Streets, city of Rupert, $320,000.
reconstruct, surf., bit. surf. treatment 12 mi. State Hy. 25, $545,000.
grade, minor structures 8.1 mi. U.S. 30 N, $1,516,000.
Payette Co.—surf. and plantmix 3.3 mi. $220,000.
grade, minor structures 3.3 mi., $145,000.
surf., plantmix 10.8 mi. U.S. 30, $1,105,000.
grade, minor structures, 10.8 mi. U.S. 30, $2,825,000.
surf., plantmix 10.3 mi. U.S. 30, $1,100,000.
grade, structures, plantmix 3.1 mi. U.S. 30, $1,800,000.
grade, minor structures 10.3 mi. U.S. 30, $2,470,000.
Power Co.—grade, bit. surf. treatment 6.8 mi. State Hy. 35, $495,000.
grade, structures, bit. surf. treatment 8.9 mi. U.S. 30 N, $2,804,000.
Twin Falls Co.—plantmix 12.3 mi. U.S. 93, $248,000.
grade, bit. surf. treatment 3.1 mi. U.S. 93, $323,000.
grade, curb and gutters, plantmix 4-lane 5 mi. U.S. 30, $800,000.
grade, curb and gutters, plantmix 4-lane 2 mi. U.S. 30, $500,000.
Washington Co.—grade, 2 bridges, plantmix, 2-lane, 4-lane 2 mi. U.S. 95, $365,000.
grade, 2 bridges, plantmix 2.1 mi. U.S. 95, $300,000.
▲ **IDAHO**—State Hy. Dpt., Boise,
Benewah Co.—plantmix 8 mi. N. S. 95 A, $140,000.
Bonneville Co.—grade, minor structures, base 9.7 mi. N. S. 91, $1,574,000.
surf., plantmix 9.7 mi. N. S. 91, $1,240,000.
grade, structure, plantmix 6.4 mi. N. S. 91, $2,450,000.
curbs, gutters, plantmix, 4-lane 0.3 mi. N. S. 191, $98,000.
grade, bit. surf. treatment 4 mi. State Hy. 49, $300,000.
grade, curb, gutters, plantmix 4-lane 1.2 mi. N. S. 91-191, $300,000.
Butte Co.—recondition, grade, surf. plantmix 15.2 mi. State Hy. 28, $747,000.
Clark Co.—grade, surf., plantmix, 2-lane 2.7 mi. N. S. 91, $600,000.
grade, bit. surf. treatment 14.9 mi. State Hy. 22, $248,000.
Fremont Co.—plantmix and channel 4.7 mi. N. S. 191, $185,000.
Kootenai Co.—grade, structures, plantmix, 4-lane 3.8 mi. N. S. 10, $2,000,000.
grade, drain, 4 structures 4.8 mi. N. S. 10, $2,400,000.
surf., plantmix 4.8 mi. N. S. 10, $470,000.
Shoshone Co.—grade, hydr. fill, 4-lane 3 mi. N. S. 10, $160,000.
grade, drain, structures, plantmix 4-lane 3 mi. N. S. 10, $3,540,000.
grade, surf., plantmix 5.2 mi. N. S. 10, $5,200,000.
Teton Co.—grade, curb and gutters, 3 bridges; roadmix 5.7 mi. State Hy. 33, $574,000.
▲ **NEW YORK**—State Dpt. P. Wks., Bureau Contracts & Accounts, The Gov. Alfred E. Smith State Office Bldg., Albany,
Monroe Co.—reconstr. 1.1 mi. Rte. 31, incl. bridge over Erie Barge Canal and relocation 1,500 ft. section nearby County Line Rd. to meet Rte. 31's new alignment, FAI Proj. $350,000.
Steuben Co.—constr. 2 mi. four-lane divided section Hornell's North-South Arterial Highway beginning at south city line and proceeding northerly on new location, parallel to and east of Canistee St. to new grade separation structure over Erie R.R. about 400 ft. east of existing underpass, then northwesterly on new location to point near Union Park and then northerly to and west of Seneca St. to north city line, FAI Proj. $1,000,000. CD 4/30.

EARTHWORK, WATERWAYS

▲ **Ore., Eugene**—Water & Electric Bd., City Hall, 56,250 KW Carmen-Smith Hydro-electric project on Upper McKenzie River. $18,000,000. Applied to FCC for permit, if granted will abandon Beaver Marsh project. Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, 1600 Western Ave., Corvallis, consult. engrs. CD 10/11/54.

AIRPORTS

▲ **O., Columbus**—AIRPORT IMPRVS.—City, City Hall, East-West Runway at Port Columbus Airport, $2,100,000. CD 9/19/56.
▲† **O., Oberlin**—TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER—Civil Aeronautics Auth., 16th and Constitution Ave. N. W., Wash., D. C., air route traffic center on 15 acre site on Lorain St. $1,000,000. Plans being done in Washington, and will be ready April 1. Bids will be handled by General Services Admin., Chicago Office.

LATIN AMERICA

▲ **Brazil, San Paulo**—PLANT—Jacuzzi Brothers, Inc., Richmond, Calif. and 2515 Texas, Houston, Tex., U. S. A., plans manufacturing plant. $1,000,000.
▲ **Venezuela**—REFINERY—Socony Mobil de Venezuela, sub. Socony Mobil Oil Co., 150 E. 42nd St., New York, N. Y., U. S. A., plans 40,000 bbl. per day refinery at El Palito, near Puerto Cabello. $28,000,000.

AMERICANS ABROAD

▲ **Spain, Aviles**—APARTMENT—Norman K. Winston, 22 West 48th St., New York, N. Y., U. S. A. and Don Domingo Lopez Alonso, plans by Don Jacobo Romero Fernandez, c/o owner, 6 to 14 story co-operative apartment, El Barrio de LaLuz (Community of Light) $45,000,000.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

▲ **Calif., Azusa**—SCHOOL—Azusa City School Dist., 340 W. 5 St., $1,240,000 bond election May 20, school, CD 8/16/56.
▲ **Calif., Downey**—SCHOOL—Alameda Unified School Dist., 8613 E. Alameda St., $1,292,000 bond election May 20, for school.
▲ **Calif., Grossmont**—HOSPITAL—Grossmont Hospital Dist., N. La Mesa, Grossmont, plans by Pereira & Luckman, 9220 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, addns. to Grossmont Hospital. $1,800,000. Bonds voted. CD 5/17.
▲ **Calif., Lancaster**—SCHOOL—Antelope Valley Unified School Dist., 1000 Division St., $12,500,000 bond election Apr. 22, school. CD 7/10/56.
▲ **Calif., Los Angeles**—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., 1425 S. San Pedro St., $158,500,000 bond election June 3 for elementary schools $51,000,000; Junior and Senior High Schools $81,500,000; Junior Colleges $26,000,000. CD 4/8/55.
▲ **Calif., Los Banos**—SCHOOL—Los Banos Union H. S. Dist., c/o Supt. P.O. Box 112, defeated bonds Feb. 25, high school. $1,500,000, Donald Francis Haines, 2015 Pacific Ave., Stockton, archt. CD 1/23.
▲ **Calif., Ontario**—SCHOOL—Chaffey Union High School Dist., 1245 N. Euclid Ave., plans by Eugene Weldon Fickes, Jr. & J. Dewey Harnish, 222 E. B. St.,

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▲ **Calif., Palos Verdes**—SCHOOL—Palos Verdes School Dist., $1,500,000 bond election May 20, school, CD 7/22.

▲ **Conn., New Britain**—SCHOOL—Town, Bd. Educ., 27 Hillside Place, plans by Hollis W. Kincaid, 993 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, 1 story, semi-fireproof Western Elementary School, Slater Rd., $1,060,000. John P. Legnos Assocs., 30 Gillett St., Hartford, consult. engrs. A. B. Onderdonk, 119 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, struct. engr. CD 12/4.

▲ **Conn., West Hartford**—SCHOOL—Town, School Bldg. Comn., 51 Memorial Rd., plans by Russell & Gibson & Assocs., 1009 Farmington Ave., North-East Elementary School, Simsbury Rd. area. $1,250,000. CD 4/17/56.

▲ **Ill., Homewood**—SCHOOL—School Dist. 233, 1955 Ridge Rd., plans by Perkins & Will, 309 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Flossmoor Community High School, bounded by Kedzie, Flossmoor Rd., Brumley and Governors Hy. $2,100,000.

▲ **Ind., Lebanon**—SCHOOL—Lebanon School Bldg. Corp. plans by McGuire, Shook & Assocs., Fletcher Trust Bldg., Indianapolis, high school addn. $1,310,000.

▲ **Iowa, Dubuque**—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., M. R. Clark, supt. Schools, plans by Durant & Bergquist, 666 Loras St., addns. to schools, $1,000,000.

▲† **Me., Topsham**—HOUSING—U. S. Eng., 150 Causeway St., Boston 14, Mass., plans by Kelly & Gruzen, 80 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N. Y., 177 unit Capehart housing at Topsham Air Force Base. $1,700,000.

▲ **Mass., Amherst**—INFIRMARY—Commonwealth of Mass., Dpt. Educ., c/o Div. Bldg. Constr., 38 Chauncy St., Boston, Contr. U 58-4, infirmary for University of Mass. $1,080,000. Constr. 1958.

▲ **Mich., Croswell**—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., Croswell-Lexington School Dist., Croswell, defeated bonds Feb. 18, high school and 4-room grade school. $1,350,000. CD 1/30.

▲ **Mich., Grand Haven**—GENERATING STATION—City, Bd. P. Wks., Grand Haven, steam electric generating station, on Island in Grand River. $4,800,000.

▲ **Mich., Kalamazoo**—NATURAL SCIENCE—State, A. N. Langius, dir. State Bldg. Dpt., Lewis Cass Bldg., Lansing, plans by Louis C. Kingscott & Assoc., 511 Monroe St., natural science bldg., Western Michigan College. $2,000,000. CD 9/5/56.

▲ **Mo., Eureka**—SCHOOL—School Dist. R-6, Bd. Educ., Morgan Selvidgo, supt. Schools, Hy. No. 66, defeated $1,210,000 bonds Feb. 25, school bldg. and imprvt. program. CD 2/18.

▲ **N. J., Newark**—SCHOOL—City, City Hall, constr. Garfield Elementary School addn., $1,500,000; South Eighth Street Elementary School addn., $1,500,000.

▲ **N. J., Paramus**—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ. Boro of Paramus, plans by Arthur Rigolo, Rte. 46 and Grove St., Clifton, high school, $2,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, New York, Zone 7, plans by Dominick Salvati & Sons, 26 Court St. Zone 2, Proj. NYS-47, Lafayette Houses, Lafayette, Classon, DeKalb and Franklin Aves. $13,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, New York Zone 7, Proj. NYS-46, Lindsay Park Houses, McKibbin St., Lorimer St., Montrose and Manhattan Aves. $13,500,000.

▲ **N. Y., Centereach**—SCHOOL—Centereach-Selden Central School Dist. No. 11 plans by Frederic P. Wiedersum Assocs., 65 Roosevelt Ave., Valley Stream, high school, Marshall Drive. $2,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., Clarence**—SCHOOL—Clarence Bd. Educ., Main and Gunnvale Rd., voted bonds Feb. 15, elementary school, Boncrest Rd. $1,100,000. Kideney, Smith & Fitzgerald, 220 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, archts. CD 1/22.

▲ **N. Y., New Brighton**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, New York, Zone 7, Proj. NYS-39, Richmond Terrace Houses, Jersey St., Richmond Terrace, Cleveland St., and Crescent Ave., Richmond Boro. $6,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, Zone 7, plans by Harry M. Prince, 101 Park Ave., Zone 17, Proj. No. S-43, Andrew Jackson Homes, Park Ave., E. 158 St., Courtlandt Ave. and E. 156 St., Bronx Boro. $10,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, Zone 7, Proj. No. NYS-92, Gun Hill Road Houses, Gun Hill Rd., Bronxwood Ave., Barnes Ave. and Tilden St., Bronx Boro. $6,500,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, Zone 7, plans by S. J. Kessler & Sons, 551 Fifth Ave., Zone 17, Proj. No. NYS-49 John Adams Houses, Westchester Ave., Union Ave. and E. 152 St., Bronx Boro. $13,500,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, Zone 7, plans by Gustave W. Iser, 95 Madison Ave., Zone 16, Proj. NYS-50, Franklin D. Roosevelt Houses, First Ave., E. 2 St. to E. 6 Sts. and Avenue A, Manhattan Boro. $18,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, Zone 7, plans by Pomerance & Breines, 33 W. 46 St., Zone 19, Proj. No. NYS-89, Woodrow Wilson Houses, E. 105 St. First Ave., E. 106 St. and F. D. R. Drive, Manhattan Boro. $6,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, Zone 7, plans by Urbahn Brayton & Burrows, 654 Madison Ave., Zone 21, Proj. NYS-45, DeWitt Clinton Houses; Park Ave., E. 104 St. to E. 106 St., E. 108 St. to E. 110 St. and Lexington Ave., Manhattan Boro. $11,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, Zone 7, plans by Katz, Waisman, Blumenkranz, Stein, Weber, Architects Associated, 551 Fifth Ave., Zone 17, Proj. NYS-81, Alexander Hamilton Houses, W. 141 St., 8 Ave., W. 144 St. and 7 Ave. $15,000,000. CD 2/28/55.

▲ **N. Y., Silver Creek**—SCHOOL—Silver Creek Bd. Educ., Silver Creek, defeated bonds Feb. 26, high school. $2,328,000. Feit & Baschnagel, 250 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, Zone 2, archts. CD 2/13.

▲ **N. Y., Stapleton**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, New York, Zone 7, plans by William F. R. Ballard, 123 E. 77 St., New York, Zone 21, Proj. No. NYS-88, Stapleton Houses, Hill, Warren, Gordon and Broad Sts. and Tompkins Ave., Richmond Boro. $10,500,000.

▲ **N. Y., West New Brighton**—HOUSES—New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, New York, Zone 7, plans by Irwin Clavan, 350 Fifth Ave., New York, Zone 1, Proj. NYS-40, West Brighton Houses, Castleton Ave., Alaska St., Henderson Ave. and Campbell St., Richmond Boro. $7,000,000.

▲ **Ore., Corvallis**—MEN'S DORMITORY—Bd. Higher Educ., University of Oregon, Eugene, plans by Burns, Bear, McNeil & Schneider, 2940 S. E. Belmont St., Portland, 5 story men's dormitory, Oregon State College, $1,118,000. CD 2/10.

▲ **Ore., Corvallis**—PHYSICS-CHEMISTRY—State Bd. Higher Educ., University of Oregon, Eugene, second unit, Physics-Chemistry Bldg., Oregon State College. $2,287,352. CD 10/10/56.

▲ **Ore., Corvallis**—PHYSICS-CHEMISTRY, etc.—State Bd. Higher Educ., University of Oregon, Eugene, plans by Burns, Bear, McNeil & Schneider, 2940 S. E. Belmont St., Portland, first unit Physics-Chemistry Bldg., Oregon State College. $2,237,669. CD 2/13.

▲ **Ore., Portland**—MEDICAL RESEARCH—Bd. Higher Educ., University of Oregon, Eugene, plans by Burns, Bear, McNeil & Schneider, 2940 S. E. Belmont St., Portland, 9 story, 57 x 182 ft. Medical Research Bldg., University of Oregon Medical School. $2,500,000. CD 2/10.

▲ **Ore., Portland**—SCHOOL—School Dist. 1, 631 N. E. Clackamas St., plans by Stanton, Boles, Maguire & Church, Concord Bldg., high school, Southeast Dist. $5,000,000. Bids in May. CD 9/20/56.

▲† **Tex., Houston**—COURTHOUSE, etc.—General Services Admin., Wash. 25, D. C., 12-15 story, Fed. Courthouse and Office, Rusk, Brazos, Capitol and Smith Sts. $15,300,000. CD 4/10/56.

▲† **Wash., Moses Lake**—HOUSING—U. S. Eng., 4735 E. Marginal Way, Seattle, Zone 4, plans by McClure & Adkison, Realty Bldg., Spokane, 200 housing units

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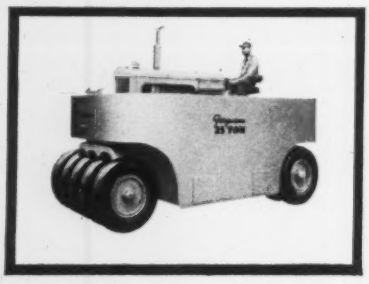

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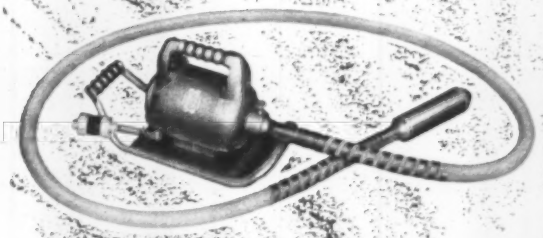

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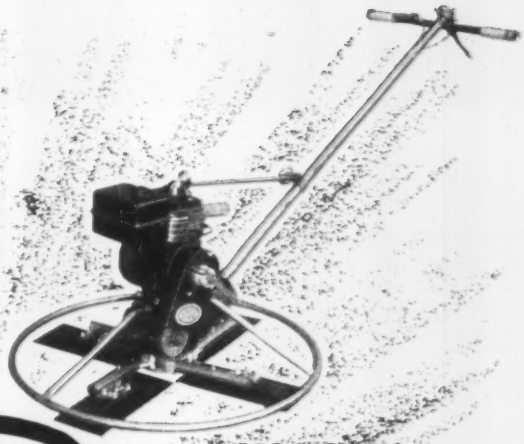

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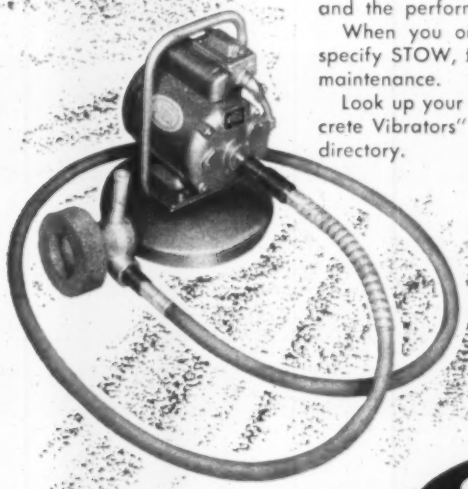

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▲ **Wash., Pullman**—CHEMISTRY, etc.—Washington State College, Pullman, plans by Jones, Lovegren, Helm & Jones, Republic Bldg., Seattle, Zone 1, 4 story, 66,000 sq. ft. bldg. for chemistry and agricultural chemistry, $3,500,000. Bids soon. CD 1/9.

▲ **Alta., Red Deer**—HOSPITAL—Red Deer Municipal Hospital Bd., Red Deer, hospital addn. and nurses' residence. $1,471,000.

▲ **Que., Montreal**—CIVIC CENTER—City, City Hall, plans by David & David, 7020 Cote des Neiges Rd., 2 and 3 story, bsmt. Civic Center, Bellechasse St. E. $1,750,000. Brouillet & Carmel, 3600 Barclay Ave., consult. engrs. Bids next month.

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Ariz., Phoenix**—COURTHOUSE, etc.—General Services Admin., 18th and F Sts. N.W., Wash. 25, D. C., plans by Edward L. Varney Assocs., 221 E. Camelback Rd., and Lescher & Mahoney, Title & Trust Bldg., Phoenix, courthouse and federal office bldg. (lease-purchase proj.) $8,600,000. CD 7/22.

▲ **Ark., Helena**—POST OFFICE, etc.—General Services Admin., 18th and F Sts., Wash. D. C., plans by Edward F. Brueggeman and Elmer A. Stuck & Assocs., 217 E. Washington Ave., Jonesboro, constr. U. S. Post Office and Court House (lease-purchase proj.) $1,020,000. CD 11/21.

▲ **Calif., El Cajon**—DWELLINGS—Pepper Drive Estates, c/o Raymond Dean Cromwell & Assocs., archts., 919 S. Garfield Ave., Los Angeles, one hundred ten, 1012 sq. ft. frame, stucco dwellings. $1,100,000.

▲ **Calif., San Mateo** — ELDERLY PERSONS HOME — Presbyterian Church Synod of Calif., 228 McAllister St., San Francisco, home for elderly persons on 40 acre site in Portola Valley. $2,800,000.

▲ **Calif., Santa Ana**—DWELLINGS—Fairview Homes, 620 Vance St., 314 dwellings, Tracts 3355, 3356 on Fairview Ave., Center St., and Wilshire Ave., $3,000,000, Boyle Engineering Co., Spurgeon Bldg., consult. engrs.

▲ **Conn., Plainville**—HOUSING—Walter D. Sullivan, 192 Lincoln St., New Britain, 170 houses, Pinnacle Rock Farm, Cook St. $2,720,000.

▲ **Conn., Tarrifville**—HOUSING—I. R. Stitch Assocs., Inc., 611 New Park Ave., West Hartford, plans by Elroy Weber, 57 Pearl St., Springfield, Mass., 175 Houses "Simsbury Heights" second section, West Point Terrace, $2,835,000. Francis P. Molloy, 10 N. Main St., West Hartford, consult. engr.

▲ **Fla., Miami Beach**—APARTMENTS, etc.—Cole Corp., 940 Lincoln Rd., plans by Henry Hoauser & Assocs., 4011 Chase Ave., three 2 story 84 unit Apartments, with swimming pool, area-lower level parking garage, south side of Lincoln Rd. and Biscayne Bay, $1,000,000.

▲ **Fla., St. Petersburg**—HOTEL—Harold W. Reeves & Assocs., 1927 Brightwaters Blvd. N.E., hotel, in downtown location. $1,000,000.

▲ **Ill., Arlington Heights**—SHOPPING CENTER—Owner, c/o Woodworth-Calder, Inc., 7356 N. Cicero Ave., Lincolnwood, plans by Frank Polito, 7356 N. Cicero Ave., Lincolnwood, shopping center, motel, SE cor. Rand and Palatine Rds. near here. $2,000,000.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—OFFICE—John Blair & Co., 415 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10 story office bldg., 643 N. Michigan Ave. $4,500,000.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—DORMITORY—University of Chicago, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., plans by Harry M. Weese, 104 S. Michigan Ave., 10 story, bsmnt., brick, stone, men's dormitory bldg., 55th and University Ave. SW corner. $2,400,000.

▲ **Ill., Deerfield**—SHOPPING CENTER—Owner, c/o Landau & Heyman, 110 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, plans by Sidney C. Finck, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, 21 unit Deerfield Commons Shopping Center, 8-acre tract at Waukegan Rd. and Deerfield Rd. $1,500,000.

▲ **Ill., LaGrance**—HOSPITAL—Community Memorial General Hospital, 5101 Willow Springs, 1 story addn. to present facilities and new wing at left. $1,800,000.

▲ **Ind., South Bend**—LIBRARY, etc.—University of Notre Dame, Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, 10 year constr. progarm, incl. library, $5,000,000; 2 graduate residence halls, $2,250,000; faculty hall, $1,500,000; maintenance center, $600,000; engineering commerce and law addns., $500,000; field housing, $4,000,000 and auditorium, $3,500,000.

▲ **Mass., Cambridge**—DORMITORY—Harvard College, Cambridge, plans by Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott; 1 Court St., Boston, dormitory addn., Leverett House. $1,500,000. CD 2/21.

▲ **Minn., Bemidji**—FEDERAL OFFICE—General Services Admin., 19 and F Sts. N.W., Wash. 25, D. C., plans by Jyring & Whiteman, Hibbing, Minn., federal office bldg. (lease-purchase proj.). $1,200,000. CD 10/9/56.

▲ **N. J., Allendale**—HOUSES—S. T. Van Houten & Sons, 24 W. Allendale Ave., 93 houses, Hillside Ave. at Crestwood Lake. $3,250,000.

▲ **N. J., Hoboken**—POSTAL TERMINAL—General Services Admin., 18th and F St., Wash. D. C., rail-truck postal terminal at north end of D.L. & W. R.R. terminal, $1,000,000.

▲ **N. J., Ringwood**—COUNTRY CLUB—Ringwood Conutry Club, 1780 Broadway, New York, N. Y., and 948 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, plans by Carl K. Loven, 119 Rock Rd., Glen Rock, country club, 600 acres on Rte. 17, $1,000,000.

▲ **N. J., Summit**—HOUSES—Horton Corp., 1021 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 77 houses, Baltusrol Rd. $1,700,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—LIBRARY—General Theological Seminary, 175 Ninth Ave., plans by O'Connor & Kilham, 101 Park Ave., Zone 17, library bldg., Ninth Ave. and 20 St. $1,500,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—OFFICE—David Rose & Assocs., Inc., 340 W. 58 St., Zone 19, plans by Emery Roth & Sons, 575 Madison Ave., Zone 22, converting 17 story apartment at 280-290 Park Ave., Southwest corner of 49 St. into 22 story office bldg. $3,896,000.

▲ **O., Cincinnati**—MOTEL Rudy Reinhold, 1010 Gilbert Ave., plans by Al. J. Martina, 2167 Florence Ave., 5 story, 180,000 sq. ft. glass front motel, Reading Rd. $3,000,000. E. A. Sobolewski, 2340 Laredo, consult. engr. Constr. early summer. CD 8/22.

▲ **O., Cleveland**—CEI BLDG., etc.—Trebor Realty Co., 75 Public Square, Zone 13, plans by Charles Bacon, Rowley & Assocs., Keith Bldg., Zone 15, remodeling of CEI Bldg., Public Square. $2,000,000.

▲ **O., Tiffin**—DORMITORY, etc.—Heidelberg College, Tiffin, dormitory, laboratory-classroom bldg., health center, track and athletic field. $3,000,000. (10-year program). CD 4/4/45.

▲ **O., Toledo**—SHOPPING CENTER ADDN.—Westgate Village Shopping Center, Inc., c/o Bernard Greenbaum, 59 E. Van Buren, Chicago, Ill., 160,000 sq. ft. Westgate Village Shopping Center Addn., north side of Central Ave., with bypass road to link Secor and Center Aves. $1,500,000.

▲ **O., Warrensville**—HOME FOR THE AGED—Little Sisters of the Poor, 2507 E. 22nd St., Cleveland, Zone 15, plans by Stickle & Assocs., 2422 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Zone 15, 3 story Home for the Aged, Richmond Rd., south of Harvard Ave., Approx. $2,000,000. Bids in about 3 months.

▲ **Okla., Oklahoma City**—SHOPPING CENTER—Ben Wileman, 2924 Paseo, plans by Sorey, Hill & Sorey, 809 N.W. 36th St., 480,000 sq. ft. Shopping Center, N. Pennsylvania and the Expressway. $8,000,000.

▲ **Pa., Gettysburg**—STUDENT UNION—Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, student union bldg., with swimming pool, $1,120,000.

▲ **Tex., Arlington-Grand Prairie**—BOWLING CENTER—Great South West Bowling Lanes, Inc., c/o Amon G. Carter & Assocs., 400 W. 7th St., Fort Worth, plans by A. B. Swank, 2611 Cedar Springs, Dallas, bowling center. $1,000,000. CD 7/26.

▲ **Tex., Dallas**—HEADQUARTERS—Hartford Fire Group, c/o Trammell Crow, 425 S. Field St., plans by Harold A. Berry, 423 S. Field St., 14 story, brick, marble, Hartford Headquarters Bldg., Bryan and St. Paul Sts. $5,000,000. CD 3/6.

▲ **Tex., Houston**—HOTEL—DeGeorge Estate, c/o Michael J. DeGeorge, Milby Hotel, Travis St., plans by Chas. S. Chan, 403 Woodard St., hotel, Fannin and McKinney Sts. $5,500,000. CD 12/22/54.

▲ **Wis., La Crosse**—HOSPITAL—St. Francis Hospital of the Franciscan Sisters, 709 S. 10 St., plans by Maquolo & Quick, 4908 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., hospital addns. $3,300,000.

▲ **Ont., Toronto**—HOME FOR AGED—House of Providence, (Sisters of St. Joseph) 65 Power St., Scarborough, Toronto suburb, plans by Brennan & Whale, 1221 Bay St., 5 story, rein.-con. slab, brick and glass, Elderly Persons Home, Warden Ave. at St. Clair Ave. $6,000,000. C. D. Carruthers & Wallace, 92 Yorkville Ave., consult. engrs.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Ala., Irondale**—TV DISTRICT CENTER—General Electric Co., 1 River Rd., Schenectady, N. Y., plans by Warren, Knight & Davis, Protective Life Bldg., Birmingham, 1 story, 70,000 sq. ft. brick, concrete TV District Center in Irondale office park area to serve as major applicance. $1,000,000.

▲ **Mass., Wayland**—PLANT—Raytheon Mfg. Co., Foundry Ave., Waltham, 2 story, 75,000 sq. ft. masonry plant addn., Old Sudbury Rd. $1,000,000. Vappi, Symmes & Maini, 240 Sidney St., Cambridge, engrs. CD 2/19/54.

▲ **Mich., Detroit**—TRUCK TERMINAL—Commercial Carriers, Inc., Rigby Leighton, exec. vice-pres., 3399 McNichols East, 200 capacity trucks per day, truck terminal, Inkster and Beverly. $1,000,000.

▲ **Wyo., Atlantic City**—PLANT—Columbia-Geneva Steel Co., Russ Bldg., San Francisco, Calif., taconite ore-processing plant near here. $16,000,000. Bechtel Corp., 220 Bush St., San Francisco, Calif., consult. engrs. CD 11/22.

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▲ **Mo., St. Louis**—PLANETARIUM—City, Frank Kriz, pres. Bd. P. Service, 304 City Hall, 12 Blvd. and Market St., Zone 3, plans by Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, 315 N. 10 St., Zone 1, planetarium. $1,000,000. CD 5/31/55.

▲ **Texas**—PLANT, etc.—El Paso Natural Gas Co., El Paso Natural Gas Bldg., El Paso, dehydration plant. $2,050,000; 68 mi. gas pipe line, $2,040,000; both between Fort Stockton and Crane, Pecos and Crane Counties. CD 12/31/56.

▲ **Tex., Houston**—TRANSPORTATION CENTER—City, constr. Central Transportation Center. $1,000,000. Eugene Maier, co owners, traffic engr.

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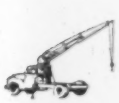
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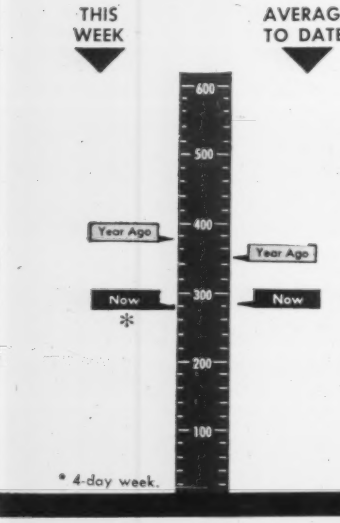

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Construction Cost	744.31	+0.07	+5.0
Building Cost	515.99	+0.04	+3.0

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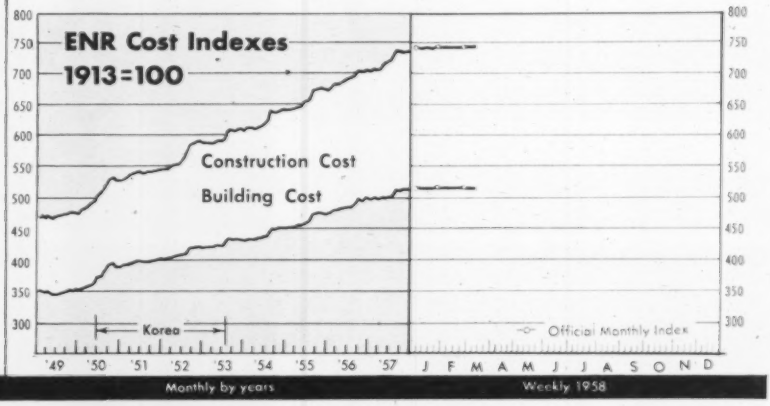

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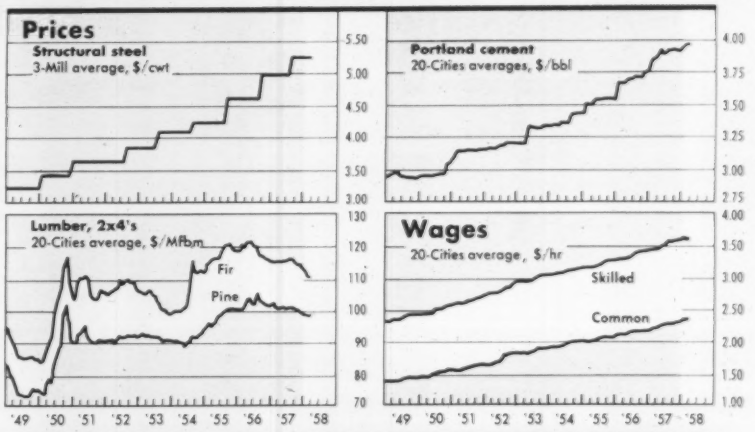
By Ownership	This Week	Cum. 12 wks 1958	Chge '57-'58
	millions		%
All Heavy Constr.	$278.3*	$3,390.1	−19
Private	132.3	1,555.8	−23
Public	146.0	1,834.3	−16
State & Municipal	113.4	1,464.9	−7
Federal	32.6	369.4	−41
By Type of Work			
Public			
Waterworks	1.7	46.4	−41
Sewerage	8.2	128.9	+46
Bridges†	2.6	91.8	−42
Highways	43.9	531.3	−16
Earthwork, Waterways	4.3	146.4	−52
Buildings, Excl. Housing	61.6	513.5	+3
Housing	8.6	255.9	+86
Unclassified	15.1	120.0	−59
Private			
Mass Housing	64.6	537.8	−17
Commercial	38.0	411.5	+6
Industrial	27.1	495.5	−40
Unclassified	2.6	111.1	−29

* 4-day week.
† Includes private bridges.

NOTE: Minimum size projects included are: Waterworks and waterways, $44,000; other public works, $73,000; industrial buildings, $93,000; other buildings, $344,000.

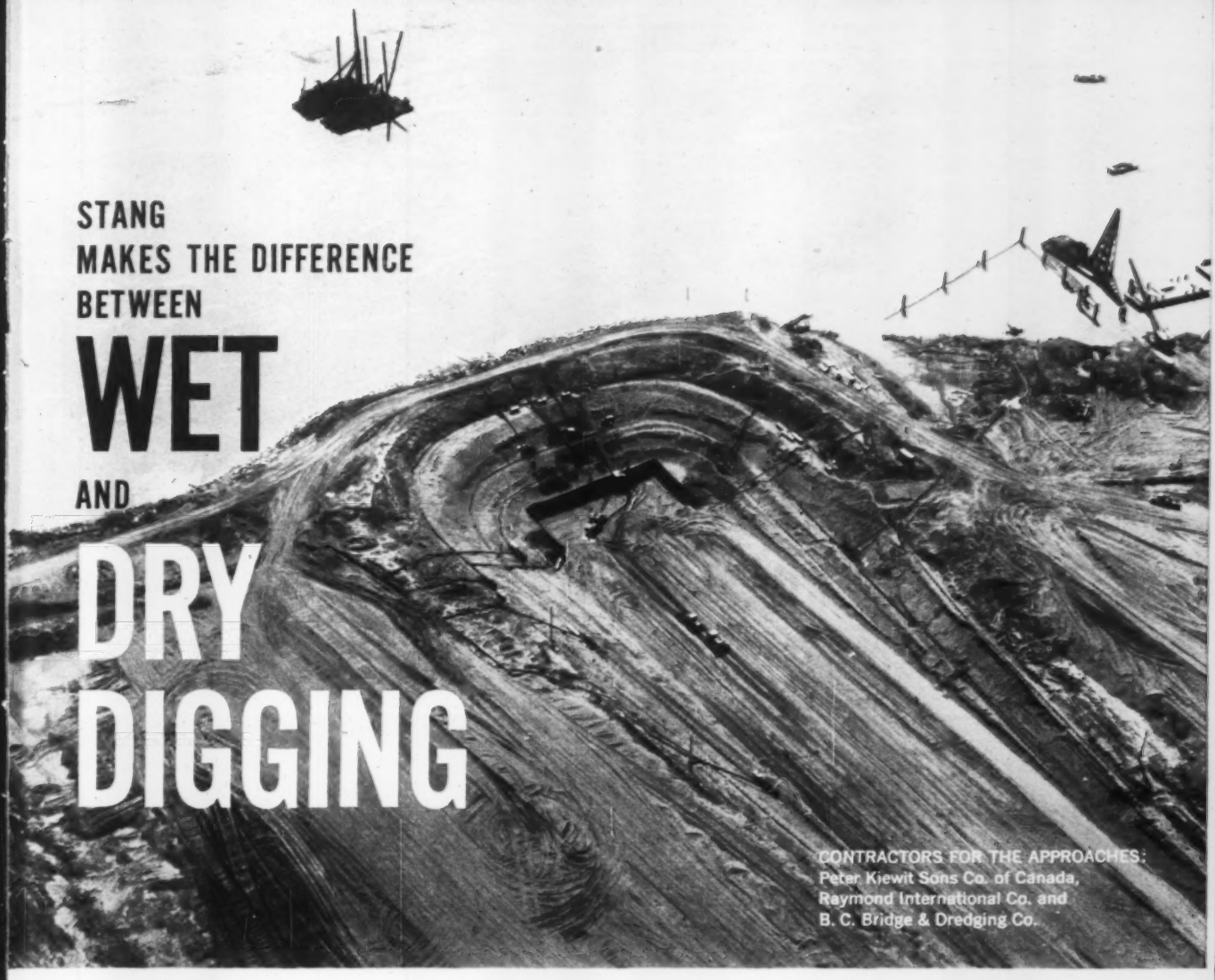
NEW CAPITAL FOR CONSTRUCTION

	Week of Mar. 13	Cum. 11 wks 1958	Chge '57-'58
	millions		%
Corporate Securities	$145.2	$1,226.6	−7
State and Municipal:			
All Except Housing	133.7	1,682.7	+45
Housing	...	1.0	−98
Federal Loans	...	45.7	+115
Federal Aid	...	....	...
Total Nonfederal	$278.9	$2,956.0	+16
Federal Appropriations:			
Projects in U. S.	...	$520.0	...
Outside U. S.	...	....	...
Total New Capital	$278.9	$3,476.0	+37



ENR COST INDEXES IN 22 CITIES, 1913 = 100

City	Construction Cost Mar. 1958	Construction Cost Percent Change from last Month	Construction Cost Percent Change from last Year	Building Cost Mar. 1958	Building Cost Percent Change from last Month	Building Cost Percent Change from last Year
Atlanta	558	0	+6.7	456	0	+3.1
Baltimore	672	+0.3	+4.7	523	+0.4	+4.8
Birmingham	593	0	+6.8	477	0	+4.3
Boston	764	+0.1	+2.7	522	+0.1	+3.0
Chicago	835	0	+5.8	527	0	+4.4
Cincinnati	745	0	+4.9	501	0	+3.1
Cleveland	847	−0.3	+3.2	512	−0.4	+0.7
Dallas	547	0	+4.2	451	0	+2.7
Denver	725	+2.0	+4.0	524	+0.2	+0.1
Detroit	852	+0.1	+5.3	545	+0.1	+3.4
Kansas City	742	0	+3.7	517	0	+2.3
Los Angeles	773	0	+5.7	507	0	+2.8
Minneapolis	803	0	+5.9	537	0	+2.0
New Orleans	588	0	+4.3	478	0	+3.2
New York	910	0	+6.8	593	0	+2.7
Philadelphia	775	0	+3.5	561	0	+0.9
Pittsburgh	804	0	+5.5	569	0	+5.2
St. Louis	814	0	+7.0	552	+0.7	+4.3
San Francisco	758	0	+5.2	503	0	+3.7
Seattle	785	0	+5.3	466	0	+3.1
U. S.—20 Cities' average	744	+0.08	+5.0	516	+0.06	+2.9
Montreal	584	0	+4.3	446	0	+2.1
Toronto	607	−0.3	+1.8	470	−0.3	+1.8



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Plant, Equipment Spending in a Decline

SEC-Commerce agencies see 13.2% drop this year, but equipment cuts may be more than for construction

There is bad news for construction in the table below. Manufacturers and commercial businesses plan to spend $5 billion less on new plant and equipment this year than last.

The report of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commerce Department shows that industry plans to spend only $32 billion this year as against $37 billion in 1957 for new plant and equipment. The outlook isn't lightened by later information. Reporting companies have been writing in to tell government statisticians that they have cut their spending plans even more since they filled out the survey questionnaire that supplied the data for the 1958 forecast.

Construction, as distinct from equipment, would take about $1.7 of the $5 billion drop if the plant-equipment spending ratios of last year held true without change for this year. The cut for construction may be lessened a bit, however, by the strong possibility that business firms are reducing their equipment spending more than their construction spending this year.

• **Some compensating factors**—Looked at overall, too, you find bright spots in the construction outlook. Compensating offsets in other construction categories will help to counterbalance the industrial-commercial decline. If a potential upturn in homebuilding comes through by fall as hoped, this category may show an increase of $1.3 billion this year, nearly $300 million higher than estimated last November in the Commerce-Labor joint forecast.

Highway construction spending this year also is to increase by nearly $700 million over last year, while expenditures on federal water projects and related construction may exceed 1957 by $300 million or more.

Hospital construction spending likewise will go up this year nearly $100 million. But military construction—for all its vast expenditures of more than $2 billion a year and the accelerated impetus being applied to it—will top last year by only about $70 million.

Most of this military increase, however, will probably go to U.S. jobs, which get more than half of the money spent on defense construction.

Military construction will get a boost from the $520 million it received in the January supplemental appropriation. Nearly all of this added money will go for domestic works. But the spending effect won't show up in volume until after the end of the year.

• **First full year forecast**—The new survey—based on returns gathered largely in February by the Commerce Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission—is the first government effort to measure plant and equipment spending for the whole year.

Last November, a McGraw-Hill survey showed business was planning a 7% reduction for 1958. However, the two surveys are not comparable. Commerce-SEC, for example, covers more small businesses. But the 7% decrease indicated last November, compared to the 13.2% drop in the new survey, can be taken as a rough indication of what happened to business planning as recession signs accumulated during the winter.

Another, and more direct indication of the same thing is a decline in expectations regarding the current quarter. Last December, the Commerce-SEC survey reported business spending plans at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $35.5 billion this quarter. The new indication is for a rate of $34.0 billion—enough to be significant as a business softener, but far from a panic pace.

For the year as a whole compared to 1957, every major classification of industry but one seems to be headed for a drop.

The exception is public utilities—long a star performer in these surveys. Some $6.4 billion of new capacity will be put in place this year if utility executives carry through with their plans, up 4% over 1957.

(*B&F continued on page 182*)

Plant and Equipment Outlays to Drop 13.2% in 1958

(SEC-Commerce estimates in millions of dollars)

	1956	1957	% Change 1956-57	1958	% Change 1957-58
Total—All industry	$35,081	$36,962	+5.3	$32,074	−13.2
Manufacturing	14,954	15,959	+6.7	13,196	−17.3
Durable-goods industries	7,623	8,022	+5.2	6,225	−22.4
Iron and steel	1,268	1,722	+35.8	1,266	−26.5
Nonferrous metals	412	814	+97.5	470	−42.3
Electrical machinery & equipment	603	599	−0.7	563	−6.0
Machinery except electrical	1,078	1,275	+18.2	1,178	−7.6
Motor vehicles & equipment	1,689	1,058	−37.4	768	−27.4
Transportation equipment excl. motor vehicles	440	544	+23.6	460	−15.4
Stone, clay & glass products	686	572	−16.7	448	−21.7
Other durable goods[1]	1,447	1,438	−0.7	1,072	−25.5
Nondurable-goods industries	7,331	7,937	+8.2	6,971	−12.2
Food and beverages	799	850	+6.3	763	−10.2
Textile mill products	465	408	−12.3	252	−38.2
Paper & allied products	801	811	+1.2	622	−23.3
Chemicals & allied products	1,455	1,724	+18.4	1,621	−6.0
Petroleum & coal products	3,135	3,453	+10.1	3,106	−10.0
Rubber products	201	200	−0.5	170	−15.0
Other nondurable goods[2]	475	491	+3.3	437	−11.0
Mining	1,241	1,243	+0.1	1,058	−14.9
Railroads	1,231	1,396	+13.4	868	−37.8
Transportation, excl. railroad	1,712	1,771	+3.4	1,440	−18.7
Public utilities	4,895	6,195	+26.5	6,414	+3.5
Communications	2,684	3,032	+12.9	9,098	−12.5
Commercial and misc.[3]	8,364	7,366	−12.0		

[1] Includes fabricated metal products, lumber products, furniture and fixtures, instruments, ordnance, and miscellaneous manufacturers.
[2] Includes apparel and related products, tobacco, leather and leather products, and printing and publishing.
[3] Includes trade, service, finance, and construction.

Higher Road Costs

Court orders payment of 6% interest on right-of-way claims delayed by appeal

Highway right-of-way costs may get a big push upward in North Carolina as a result of a recent ruling by the state's Supreme Court. The court said that property owners whose land is condemned for highway purposes are entitled to interest of 6% a year on payments withheld until a final appeal court decisions are rendered.

"We think the ruling is going to have a significant effect," said Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Wooten, who is in charge of highway legal matters. "We know that we've got about 400 of these cases pending. My guess is that about half of them have been pending a year or more."

He said he was unable to make even a reasonable guess as to how much money the decision might cost the state. A study to determine this has been started.

Mr. Wooten estimated that about 25 of the estimated 400 cases are 20-25 years old, 75 are at least 10 years old, about 150 are 5-10 years old, and the remaining 150 have been in litigation for less than five years.

State officials, studying the decision closely, have raised several questions over interpretation. Mr. Wooten questioned whether the decision applies to right-of-way payments delayed without litigation. After a "preliminary" study, Attorney General George Patton said he believes that interest is required only when the State Highway Commission is responsible for the delay. The state would not be liable for interest if the property owner prolonged a settlement in the courts.

The decision concerned a case dating back to 1952, when the house and lot of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Debruhl in West Asheville were condemned. In subsequent court action they were evicted and their house torn down. The Highway Commission appealed a jury decision awarding the couple $12,000 and the case went to the Supreme Court. The court sent the case back for retrial, and this time the jury awarded the Debruhls $9,675. Again the commission appealed, and the present decision was the outcome. It read:

". . . Petitioners are entitled to have the jury award them interest at the rate of 6% on the fair market value of their property from the time their property was taken until the time the damages are paid." This holds true, "when there is nothing in the record to show the cause of the delay was the petitioner's fault."

Right-of-way claims against the North Carolina Highway Department amount to several hundred thousands of dollars a month.

Orders Index Scores Second Consecutive Upturn

Contractors increased their orders for new construction machinery for the second consecutive month in January, according to the McGraw-Hill Department of Economics' New Orders Index.

The January index is 202, based on 1949=100. This is up 2% over December 1957 and 12% higher than November, the low month of 1957.

Machinery manufacturers are forecasting orders at an index rate of 221 for the first quarter of 1958, which is 9% higher than the actual January volume. Manufacturers are also predicting a big upturn in sales during the second quarter, one that would push the average index for April-June to 274. In addition, they see a further slight rise in the third quarter to 277, followed by a dip to 273 on the index in the final three months of this year.

These quarterly forecasts of machinery orders, reported to the McGraw-Hill Department of Economics by a sample of firms in the industry, all add up to a prediction that the new orders index will average out at 261 for the full year of 1958, a 14% increase over 1957.

This contrasts with ENR's forecast of a 2% dip in 58 heavy construction contracts to an average monthly index of 216, based on 1949=100. If the contract award forecast proves correct, contractors may not buy much more dollars worth of new machines this year than they did in 1957.

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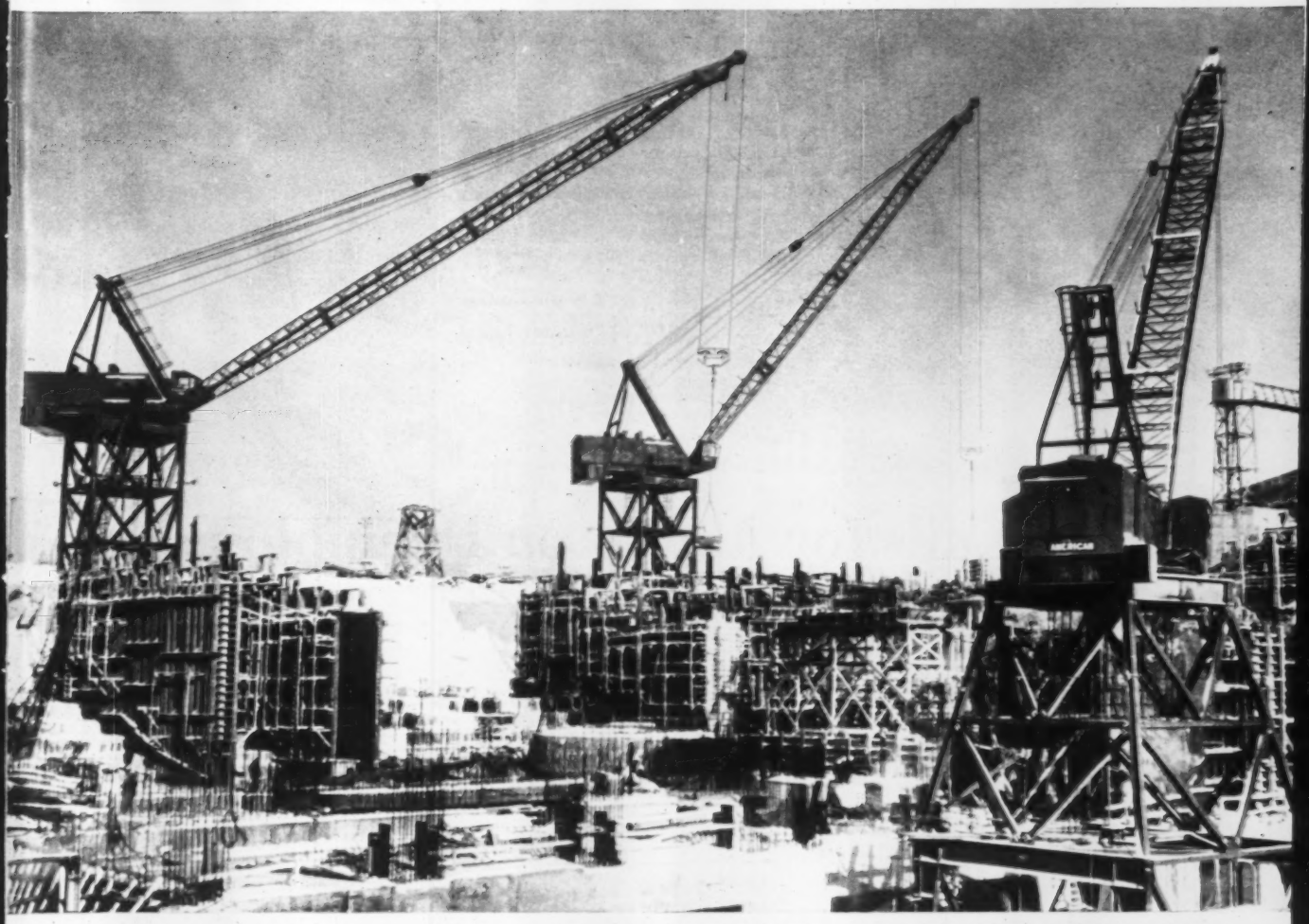

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As the number of idle workers continues to climb . . .

Labor Secretary Mitchell presents the problem:

- 5,173,000 persons unemployed—highest since 1941
- 3.3 million—nearly two-thirds—are claiming jobless pay
- Many have exhausted their state benefits

AFL-CIO President Meany suggests a cure:

- A federal income tax cut
- Bigger jobless benefits for a longer period
- Increased defense spending
- An expanded public works program

Labor Calls for Action on Unemployment

Last week, the AFL-CIO plunged headlong into a big campaign to shape the anti-recession program being hammered out in Washington.

To the Capitol, from all across the country, came some 1,000 top union officials for a three-day emergency economic and legislative conference. It began, in cavernous Shearton Hall under banners demanding "Put America Back to Work!", with federation President George Meany laying down labor's concept of what the sagging economy needs. The campaign ultimately spread out to the White House and Capitol Hill, where labor's spokesmen made their arguments in person before the executive and legislative officials who will make the decision.

The conference was sharply timed. On Tuesday morning, even as President Meany stood in the glare of television lights to demand tax cuts and other pump priming moves at once, came the official government announcement that unemployment in February climbed to 5,173,000.

This is a jump of 700,000 over the month before; an increase of 2 million from the year before. Most of the jobless—now 6.7% of the labor force—are factory workers—steel, auto, machinery, aircraft. Construction employment is down 300,000 from last month, 350,000 from a year ago.

Of the unemployed, nearly two-thirds, or 3.3 million, have filed claims for or are getting unemployment compensation. Since September, over $1 billion has been paid out by the states in jobless pay. But many of the idle have exhausted their state benefits. The figure was 1,191,000 of the end of December. Additional thousands are on involuntary short work weeks—which means shrunken pay checks and ineligibility for state or supplementary unemployment benefits.

It was precisely this sort of situation that labor leaders had counted on in their timing—first, to impart a sense of evangelical urgency to the conference delegates; second, to put politicians—ever more sensitive to economic distress—in a frame of mind to listen, at least, to those who think they have recession remedies.

The grim statistics underscored the common theme in the major anti-recession proposals from every front: Unemployment must not be allowed to feed on itself. Quick ways must be found to put cash into the pockets of people for immediate spending. And this, in turn, explains the current emphasis on two proposals—an upward revision or extension of jobless benefits and a federal income tax cut that would add to the pay envelope by reducing the withholding tax.

• Proposals—In this atmosphere, President Meany prescribed a big dose of economic medicine for almost everyone:

• Federal government—Cut individual income taxes, extend and liberalize unemployment benefits, pump extra billions into defense and public works spending for highways, schools, hospitals, airports, public housing.

• Organized labor—Be firm at the collective bargaining table, "Don't let anyone tell you this is the time to hold the line on wages."

• Business—Cut prices on individual items and bet on bigger profits off a larger volume of sales.

Immediately behind Mr. Meany came Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell to tell the delegates what the Administration is doing and proposes to do. His address contained no unexpected proposal for federal action, but most observers felt it was the most cohesive presentation thus far of the Administration's viewpoint on what to do about the recession.

Insofar as the basic elements of a program are concerned, a parallel can be drawn—up to a certain point—between the AFL-CIO and the Administration positions. But there are sharp differences in emphasis and timing, and these are vital.

For example, Mr. Meany spoke of pressuring for a whole bundle of legislation now—tax cuts, improved unemployment benefits and increased defense spending to accompany a stepped-up public works program.

Mr. Mitchell, in behalf of the Administration, rejected a "massive new public works spending program" and said a tax cut would be preferable, but

would be resorted to only if the recession "proves more stubborn than is anticipated."

President Meany put tax reduction—via an increase of personal exemption from $600 to at least $700, possibly more—at the top of labor's priority list and proposes it for individuals only.

Secretary Mitchell countered that, if and when it comes, taxes should be cut for individuals and business in order to put new money into the hands of both consumers and investors. (Vice President Richard M. Nixon, a day earlier, had taken the same approach—any tax cut should be for both individuals and business.)

• **Unemployment insurance**—An income tax cut, however, is of no immediate help to the incomeless unemployed. The AFL-CIO insists it be coupled with sharply improved unemployment compensation benefits, which President Meany says "would immediately put more purchasing power into the market place."

Improvements in state jobless insurance standards is an old issue (see box). Critical problems are numerous but the chief criticism is that present standards (coverage, eligibility, amount and duration of benefits) are so out of step with the times that the system is not serving as the recession cushion it was intended to be.

Because the insurance plan was established by federal law and operates under minimum standards established by Congress, the power of Congress to set new standards—and thus force the states to improve theirs—isn't questioned. But so far the problem of improvements has been left largely to the states. And President Meany says they have failed to take the necessary action because of the "political power" of business interests, for any liberalization in benefits adds to the payroll tax of employers, often hitting the seasonal ones the hardest. (During the first 20 years of the system, over $20 billion was collected in taxes.)

The Administration's approach is to leave permanent reforms up to the states but to step in with temporary federal aid when an individual has exhausted his state benefits. It would extend jobless benefits for 13 weeks beyond the state duration periods and pick up the tab for the extra cost.

A similar solution is urged by Democratic leaders in the House—a 16-week extension with a boost in average benefits to about $40 a week.

The AFL-CIO last week called such proposals a poor substitute for "what should and must be done." And that, it says, is an across-the-board improvement in state standards and benefits.

When the delegates to the emergency conference converged on Capitol Hill, they urged their senators and congressmen to support a jobless insurance bill introduced by Senator Kennedy and Representative McCarthy.

That bill would require the states to

The Unemployment Insurance System

STRUCTURE: Based on the Social Security Act of 1935, the unemployment compensation system is a state-federal program to give wage earners some income when involuntarily unemployed. It is handled by the individual states—each with its own law and program. Under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the federal government levies a payroll tax on employers with four or more employees, allowing up to 90% credit for unemployment taxes paid to the states. Costs of administering state programs are paid by federal grants. Benefits paid by the states come from a federal trust fund in which the money is kept.

To qualify for federal grants and tax credits, state systems must meet minimum standards imposed by Congress—such as sole use of the funds for unemployment purposes, fair hearings on denial of claims, eligibility requirements that don't require strike breaking or working for substandard wages.

Originally, one of the reasons why a federal system was not adopted was a fear that such a law would be found unconstitutional. The doubt has been removed by a Supreme Court decision upholding the unemployment provisions in the Social Security Act on the basis of the federal government's power to promote the general welfare.

Over 43 million workers—about two-thirds of the nation's labor force—are covered by the system.

STATE LAWS: By 1937 all states had adopted some form of unemployment insurance meeting the qualifications of federal law. But they differ widely in coverage, eligibility, benefit amounts and duration. Maximum weekly benefits specified by law range from a low of $25 for 20 weeks in Louisana to a high of $41 for 26 weeks in Wyoming. Average is about $30 for 26 weeks. (Last year, actual weekly benefits paid ranged from $17.80 in North Carolina to $32.23 in Nevada—average was $27.53). Here's a breakdown of what the laws provide:

Maximum Basic Weekly Benefit* Amount and Duration

Maximum Basic Benefit	States	Maximum Weeks	States
Over $40	1	30	1
$40	4	26½	1
$36-$39	5	26	27
$35	7	24	4
$32-$34	10	22	3
$30	11	20	9
$26-$28	9	18	2
$25	1	16	1

* This does not include dependents' allowances, which increase the maximum weekly allowance in a quarter of the states.

CURRENT PROBLEMS: Critical problem is that weekly benefits are too small and too short to serve their intended purpose—to meet an unemployed worker's nondeferrable expenses and to tide him over until he finds another job. Average weekly earnings of production workers have risen to $82.92. Jobless benefits now replace only a third of that wage loss. Meanwhile, many are exhausting their benefits while still unemployed—147,000 exhaustions in January with prospects of a rapid increase.

Since 1954, the Administration has urged a uniform level of benefits that would equal one-half average weekly earnings. In 1957, jobless benefit improvements were considered by 44 states. All but three passed liberalizing amendments but only seven moved up to the 50% level.

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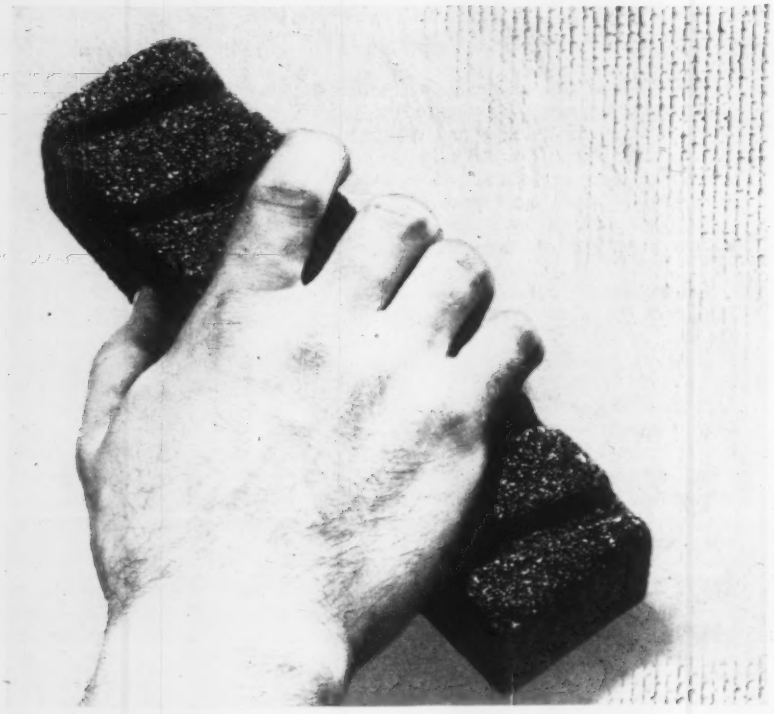

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boost their benefits to at least one-half the state's average weekly wage (with two-thirds the average wage being the cutoff point), to extend the duration period of benefits to a minimum of 39 weeks, and to liberalize eligibility requirements.

• **Wary of haste**—Despite the AFL-CIO plea of urgency for legislation to keep the recession from feeding on itself, both Congress and the Administration seemed wary of moving hastily. "This is not the time for ill advised action," Secretary Mitchell told the AFL-CIO.

On tax cuts, the Administration expressed an inclination to wait for further developments in the economy. On unemployment insurance, House Speaker Sam Rayburn indicated it might be Easter before a bill is passed.

Meanwhile, the states were moving ahead on their own to improve their jobless benefits. New York voted to increase its benefit period from 26 to 39 weeks; a boost in the maximum weekly amount from $36 to $45 seems likely. Michigan is moving to extend benefits for those who have exhausted theirs. Connecticut is holding a special legislative session to consider liberalization of its system. Bills for benefit improvements are under consideration in New Jersey, Kentucky and Maryland.

NLRB Amends Rules

Adopts new procedure in jurisdictional disputes

The National Labor Relations Board has amended its rules and regulations relating to the handling of jurisdictional disputes over work assignments.

Under the new rules, published in the Federal Register on February 27, the NLRB will retain jurisdiction over an unfair labor practice charge and issue a complaint whenever recourse by the disputing parties to the National Joint Board for the Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes has failed to end the dispute.

The change gives effect to a recent board decision in a dispute between lathers and carpenters over acoustical ceiling work (ENR Jan. 30, p. 78). That decision reversed a long-standing NLRB rule requiring dismissal of an unfair labor practice charge if the disputing unions were subject to the voluntary procedure of the Joint Board even though the latter might not be able to get the parties to comply with its decision.

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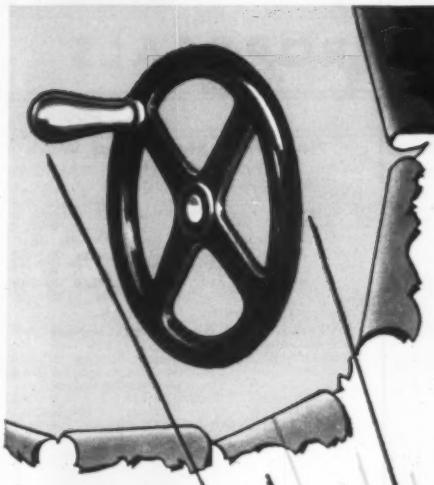

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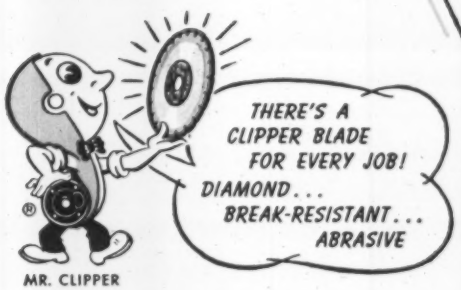

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practice charge is filed claiming that a union is striking to force an employer to make a work assignment in its favor:

The NLRB regional director will investigate the charge. If it appears valid, he may seek a temporary restraining order. Next step is the scheduling of a hearing (Sec. 10k) to hear and determine the dispute. If the examiner finds that the parties have agreed on a method of voluntary settlement (the Joint Board), he will defer action on–not dismiss–the charge and call a halt to the 10(k) hearing.

If the dispute is not settled voluntarily and the strike continues, the regional director can proceed directly with the issuance of an unfair labor practice complaint. After the complaint is issued, a regular NLRB hearing takes place. If the charge is sustained, the NLRB can order an end to the work stoppage–something the Joint Board is powerless to do effectively itself.

Registered Apprentices In Construction Decline

The construction industry suffered a drop in the number of its registered apprentices last year, according to figures released this month by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

The bureau reports that 110,405 building trades apprentices were registered under the National Apprenticeship Program at the end of 1957. This compares with 112,619 as of December 31, 1956.

Trades that held their own or showed some improvement were bricklayers, stone masons and tilesetters; cement masons; plumbers and pipefitters; roofers; sheet metal workers; iron workers. Those with a drop: carpenters, electricians, glaziers, painters, plasterers.

Cooperating in the national program are 11 international building trades unions and 12 national employer associations, which have adopted national apprenticeship standards for 18 trades.

Labor Briefs . . .

• **Local labor**–Disturbed over use of out of town workers, local building trades unions in Hamilton, Ontario, have asked for a pre-job conference on a $6 million addition to the Ontario Mental Hospital. One union is urging a subcontract clause requiring employment of local labor.

• **State council**–A statewide organization to coordinate the programs of building trades unions has been formed in Arkansas. Known as the Arkansas Building Trades Council, it has 44 local unions as charter members.

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: April 1, 1958

Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Toledo, Ohio

PORT OF TOLEDO—PRESQUE ISLE SITE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Directors that Sealed Bids will be received by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority for:

STAGE I—CONTRACT 1
DREDGING, BULKHEAD CONSTRUCTION AND HYDRAULIC FILL

Construction of the Port of Toledo—Presque Isle Site.
The principal items of work are:

Estimated	Item
Lump Sum	—Clearing Site
Lump Sum	—Approximately 3,400 linear feet of earth dike construction including trenching
Lump Sum	—Approximately 1,000 linear feet of steel sheet pile bulkhead
300,000 Cubic Yards	—Removal of Silt
400,000 Cubic Yards	—Dredging for Filling
9,000 Tons	—Riprap slope protection on 6 inch gravel bedding

Bids for the above described work will be received at the offices of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, 241 Superior Street, Toledo 4, Ohio, until 10:00 A. M. (EST), April 1, 1958 and will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter at the offices of the Authority.
Bidders must file with the Authority at least ten days prior to the time of receipt of bids, a confidential Financial Statement and Experience Questionnaire on form furnished by the Authority. Plans, Specifications, Proposal and forms of Proposal Bond, Contract and Contract Bond are on file at the offices of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, 241 Superior Street, Toledo 4, Ohio, and the offices of the Engineers Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall & Macdonald, 51 Broadway, New York 6, New York where they may be inspected by prospective Bidders during office hours.
Plans and Specifications (including Proposal Form, Proposal Bond Form, Contract and Contract Bond Form) will be furnished to prospective bidders for $25.00 per set. No refund will be made for any of the above stated charges.
Proposals must be submitted on the form furnished by the Authority; must contain the name of every person interested therein and shall be accompanied by a Proposal Bond, with satisfactory surety, in an amount of not less than two and a half percent (2½%) of the total amount bid, specifying the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority as the obligee, and a certified check on a solvent bank or a cashier's check, in the amount of not less than two and a half percent (2½%) of the total amount bid, subject to the conditions stated in the Specifications.
The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond.
Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.
The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities as it may deem best for the interest of the Authority.
NOTE: Plans and Specifications will not be mailed prior to the receipt of payment of cost shown in this Advertisement.

TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY
W. W. Knight, Jr.—Chairman
E. O. Jewell—General Manager

U. S. Government

GOVERNMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DEPT. OF SANITARY ENGINEERING, D. C., March 6, 1958. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received in Room 404, 499 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington 1, D. C., until 2 PM, EST, April 10, 1958, and then publicly opened and read for construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant, Aerated Grit Chambers, Unit 1A. Proposal forms, plans and specifications obtainable from Supervisor, Bid & Contract Section, Procurement Office, D. C., Rm. 404, 499 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., upon deposit of a certified check for $50.00 per set, payable to Collector of Taxes, D. C. (Telephone NA 8-6000, Extension 2378).

Bids: April 10, 1958.

New York State Road Work

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.,—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A.M., eastern standard time on the 10th day of April 1958, by Henry A. Cohen, Director Bureau of Contracts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following Projects:

County	Contract No.	Name
DISTRICT No. 10, M. E. Gout, District Engineer, 325 West Main Street, Babylon, L. I., New York.		
Queens	IIHE 58-1	Horace Harding Expressway, Section 2, Contract 6 (Douglaston Pumping Station)

Miles	Type	Deposit	Estimated Cost of Work
–	Construction of Pumping Station Building and Improvement of Grounds	$20,000 Plans $3	$365,000

Any projects in this letting that are on the Federal Aid highway systems are subject to the provisions of the "Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956", being Public Law 627, 84th Congress, approved June 29, 1956, and are also subject to the applicable New York State statutes.
In compliance with the provisions of Section 115 (Prevailing Rate of Wage) Public Law 627, the minimum wages to be paid laborers and mechanics are included in wage schedules that are set out in the bid proposal.
Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.
The deposit for Plans and Proposal Forms for each contract is indicated above. A refund will be made in full to bidders for return of one set, in good condition, within 30 days of award, or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.
Special attention of bidders is called to "General Information for Bidders" in the proposal, specification, and contract agreement. Award of a contract is subject to priorities and allocations under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and all regulations issued thereunder.
Proposal for each contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name and number of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Each proposal must be accompanied by draft or certified check payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance" for the sum as specified in the advertisement and the proposal. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bonds shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Laws, as set forth in "Instructions to Bidders".
The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

JOHN W. JOHNSON
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bids: May 12, 1958

Government of Iraq Electrification of Central Euphrates Zone Contract No. 20— Steel Cored Aluminum Cables

The Development Board and Ministry of Development of the Government of Iraq invite tenders from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of the Steel Cored Aluminium Cables for 300 km of double circuit 132 kV and 66 kV power transmission lines for the Central Euphrates Zone electrical system.

Full information regarding this tender can be obtained on and after March 3, 1958 until May 12, 1958, from Embassy of Iraq, Washington, or Messrs. Electrobel-Traction et Electricite, 1, Place du Trone Brussels, Belgium.

All Tender Documents are to be submitted in English to the Ministry of Development, on or before 12 noon, local time, on June 16, 1958.

Minister of Development.

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: April 3, 1958.

New York State Road Work

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, and special provisions for projects financed with Federal Aid Funds, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A. M., eastern standard time, on the 3rd day of April 1958, by Henry A. Cohen, Director Bureau of Contracts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following Projects:

County	Contract No.	Name	Miles	Type	Deposit	Estimated Cost of Work
DISTRICT No. 4, B. F. PERRY, District Engineer, Barge Canal Terminal, Rochester 1, New York						
Livingston (Rte. 36)	FARC 58-9	Caledonia-Mt. Morris, Part 1, S.H. 5593 Project S-172(2)	1.32	Asphalt Concrete = 1.30 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.02 Mi.	$20,000 Plans $3	$371,000
Monroe	FIC 58-2	Interstate Route No. 580-2-6 (Rochester City-Eastern Expressway, Pts. 2 and 3) Project I-1107(6)	2.50 (3.43 Acc.)	9" Cement Concrete Pavt. = 2.20 Mi.; Asphalt Concrete Pavt. = 0.29 Mi.; Misc. Work = 0.01 Mi. Including 3 H.G.S. and R.P.G.S. Comp. I-Beams, 1 @ 238', 2 @ 159.4'; 4 H.G.S. Comp. I-Beams 154', 118', 164.2', 133.3'; 1 Ped. Overpass I-Beam 203.2'	$400,000 Plans $20	$7,309,000
Orleans (Rte. 104)	FARC 58-11	Gaines-Murray, Pt. 1, S.H. 8237: Gaines-Murray, Pt. 2, S.H. 5697. Project F-366(3)	7.24	Asphalt Concrete = 7.19 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.05 Mi.	$26,000 Plans $2	$470,000
Orleans (Rte. 237)	FARC 58-10	Clarendon-Holley (Clarendon-Genesee Co. Line, Pt. 1), S.H. 391. Project S-408(2)	0.26	Asphalt Concrete = 0.22 Mi. Misc Work = 0.04 Mi.	$2,700 Plans $2	$49,000
DISTRICT No. 8, K. G. RAUER, District Engineer, Pleasant Valley Road, Poughkeepsie, New York						
Rockland (Rte. 59)	RC 58-12	Knapps Corners-Nyack, S.H. 5178	0.14	Asphalt Concrete = 0.14 Mi.	$3,000 Plans $2	$53,000
Westchester (Rte. 127)	FARC 58-18	Lake St., Ridge St., and Harrison Ave., S.H. 1457 White Plains Town Line-Harrison, S.H. 780 Project S-468(1)	0.96	Asphalt Concrete = 0.95 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.01 Mi.	$24,000 Plans $2	$439,000
DISTRICT No. 10, M. E. GOUL, District Engineer, 325 W. Main Street, Babylon, L. I., New York						
Nassau & Suffolk	NSP 58-2	Northern State Parkway	38.10	Fencing	$12,000 Plans $2	$219,000
	SAGSP 58-1	Sagtikos State Parkway				
	CAPSP 58-1	Captree State Parkway				
	SSP 58-2	Southern State Parkway				
	WSP 58-1	Wantagh State Parkway				

Any projects in this letting that are on the Federal Aid highway systems are subject to the provisions of the "Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956", being Public Law 627, 84th Congress, approved June 29, 1956, and are also subject to the applicable New York State statutes.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 115 (Prevailing Rate of Wage) Public Law 627, the minimum wages to be paid laborers and mechanics are included in wage schedules that are set out in the bid proposal.

Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

The deposit for Plans and Proposal Forms for each contract is indicated above. A refund will be made in full to bidders for return of one set, in good condition, within 30 days of award, or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.

Special attention of bidders is called to "General Information for Bidders" in the proposal, specification, and contract agreement, and to the special provisions applying to projects financed with federal funds. Award of a contract is subject to priorities and allocations under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and all regulations issued thereunder.

Proposal for each contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name and number of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Each proposal must be accompanied by draft or certified check payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance" for the sum as specified in the advertisement and the proposal. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bonds shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Laws, as set forth in "Instructions to Bidders".

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

JOHN W. JOHNSON
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bids: April 14, 1958

Lake Brandt Improvements for the Water Supply of the City of Greensboro, North Carolina

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, until 10 a.m. E.S.T. April 14, 1958, and then publicly opened and read for the construction of a new dam, spillway, earth embankments and a new pumping station and intake in connection with it, including transfer and installing of engines, pumps and auxiliary equipment, connecting raw water pipe line, demolition of old pumping station, sealing of the old spillway and dam as set forth in the detailed specifications.

The work will be divided into four (4) contracts as follows:

Contract 1. General
Contract 2. Plumbing
Contract 3. Heating
Contract 4. Electrical

Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Mayor and City Council, City of Greensboro, N. C. and the outside of the envelope must be marked "Proposal for Construction of the Lake Brandt Improvement Works." All proposals must be made on the blank forms included in the contract documents. The name, address, and license number of the bidder shall be plainly marked thereon.

No proposal shall be considered or accepted by the City Council unless at the time of its filing the same shall be accompanied by a deposit with the City of Greensboro, of cash or a certified check on some bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in an amount equal to not less than five per cent (5%) of the proposal. In lieu of making the cash deposit as above provided, such bidder may file a bid bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds, conditioned that the surety will upon demand forthwith make payment to the City of Greensboro upon said bond if the bidder fails to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond, and upon failure to forthwith make payment, the surety shall pay to the City of Greensboro an amount equal to double the amount of said bid bond. This deposit shall be retained if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within ten days after the award or fails to give satisfactory surety as required herein.

Consideration will be given only to proposals submitted by contractors licensed under the contractor Licensing Act of 1925 or as amended.

Plans and specifications are on file and may be examined at the office of the consulting engineers, Hazen and Sawyer, 122 East 42nd Street, New York, N. Y., and at the office of the Director of Public Service, Municipal Building, Greensboro, N. C. They may also be examined at the office of the Associated General Contractors in Charlotte and Greensboro; and at the Dodge Plan Rooms in Greensboro and Atlanta, Georgia. They may be obtained upon application to the Engineers or to the City accompanied by a check deposit in the amount of Fifty Dollars ($50.00), made payable to the City of Greensboro. This deposit will be refunded to all who submit bona fide bids; to those who find that they cannot bid and who return plans on or before the time of opening bids; and to material and equipment suppliers who return plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) days after bid opening date.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to award contracts which in the opinion of the City appear to be in its best interest. The right is reserved to hold any or all proposals for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of opening thereof.

George H. Roach, Mayor
James R. Townsend, City Manager

Bids: April 10, 1958.

Contract No. R11:1-101.1 Department of Forests and Waters Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Glendale Dam on Beaverdam Run Cambria County, Pennsylvania

Sealed proposals for constructing an earth dam and appurtenant structures for the above flood control and recreational project will be received at the office of The Secretary of Forests and Waters, Room 512, Education Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, until 2:00 P.M., E.S.T., April 10, 1958, at which time said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The principal items of work include:

Rolled Embankment	630,000 c.y.
Concrete	4,600 c.y.
Reinforcing Steel	420,000 lb.
Excavating, Stripping and Grubbing	162,000 c.y.
Filters	37,500 tons
Rock Facing, Riprap	25,700 c.y.
1¼" Diamond Drilling	10,000 l.f.

Each bidder must submit an experience record, bid deposit, and equipment statement.

Contract documents may be examined during office hours at the Division of Flood Control Office, Department of Forests and Waters, Room 465, Education Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and at the office of the Consulting Engineers, Gannett, Fleming, Corddry and Carpenter, Inc., 600 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Contract documents will be furnished upon payment of forty dollars ($40.00) for each set, upon application to the Division of Flood Control, Department of Forests and Waters. Contract documents need not be returned and the payment WILL NOT be refunded.

MAURICE K. GODDARD
Secretary, Department of
Forests and Waters
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: April 24, 1958.

Power Authority of the State of New York

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
for the
Construction of Work Section No. 4
of the Waterways and Reservoir
in
Lewiston
Niagara County, New York
Specification No. PA-N-23005
Niagara Contract No. N8
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:

The POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK will receive sealed proposals for the Construction of the Waterways and Reservoir Work Section No. 4 and appurtenant works, Located in Lewiston, Niagara County, New York on April 24, 1958, at 10:30 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, at the Authority's office, 18th floor, The Coliseum Tower, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, New York, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The principal items of work are as follows:

10,400,000 tons concrete aggregate and filter material production
9,540,000 cu. yds. excavation, unclassified
7,800,000 cu. yds. unclassified fill in reservoir embankments
1,380 tons structural steel

All work shall be completed on or before one thousand ninety-six (1096) calendar days after the date of receipt of Notice of Award.

Plans, Specifications and Proposal forms for the work may be obtained from the Power Authority of the State of New York, at the Coliseum Tower, 18th floor, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, New York, upon application and prepayment of a fee of fifty ($50.00) dollars per initial set of Contract Documents, and tweny-five ($25.00) dollars per set for additional sets, no part of which shall be refunded. Plans, Specifications and Proposal forms for the work will be on file in the Authority's office and in the offices of the Engineer, Uhl, Hall & Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours.

Bids must be made and returned in duplicate in accordance with instructions contained in the Information for Bidders. Guarantee will be required with each bid in an amount not less than 20 percent of the gross sum price bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

W. S. Chapin
General Manager

Bids: April 8, 1958.

Power Authority of the State of New York

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
for the
Construction of the Plattsburgh Area
Transmission Lines
Specification No. PA-6-35
Contract No. T6
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:

The POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK will receive sealed proposals for the complete installation of the Plattsburgh Area Transmission Lines near Plattsburgh, New York, until 10:30 A.M. Eastern Standard Time on the 8th day of April, 1958, at the Authority's office, 18th floor, The Coliseum Tower, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, New York, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The principal items of work are estimated:

Installation of 200 wood pole structures of various types, for 115 kv and 46 kv operation—poles, crossarms and braces furnished by the Authority.
Installation of 100,000 pounds steel tower structures—structural steel and accessories furnished by the Authority.
Stringing 24 miles of three phase transmission line conductors and overhead ground wire—conductors and overhead ground wires furnished by the Authority.

The work shall be completed on or before April 1, 1959.

Plans, Specifications and Proposal Forms for the work may be obtained only from the Power Authority of the State of New York, The Coliseum Tower, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, New York, upon application and prepayment of a fee of ten dollars ($10.00) for initial set of Contract Documents and Five Dollars ($5.00) for each additional set, no part of which will be refunded. Two sets must be returned with each bid. Plans, Specifications and Proposal Forms will be on file in the Authority's office and in the office of the Engineer, Uhl, Hall & Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts, for the inspection by prospective bidders.

Bids must be made in duplicate in accordance with instructions contained in the Information for Bidders. Guarantee will be required with each bid in an amount not less than 20 percent of the gross sum bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

W. S. Chapin
General Manager

Bids: April 17, 1958.

Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant City of Poughkeepsie Dutchess County, New York

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for construction of Sewage Treatment Plant in the City of Poughkeepsie will be received by the Commissioner of Finance, City Hall, Poughkeepsie, New York, until 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, April 17, 1958, and there at said office and at said time will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The General Contract includes the construction of the following major Items:

Screen & Grit Building
Administration Building
3—Digesters 50 feet in diameter with a Control Building
4—Settling Tanks each approximately 16' x 116' long
Outfall Sewer
Vacuum Filters

Proposals will be received for the following Contracts:

Contract No. 1—General Construction
Contract No. 2—Heating & Ventilating
Contract No. 3—Electrical
Contract No. 4—Plumbing

Plans and documents may be examined at no expense at the office of the Commissioner of Finance, City Hall, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and copies of the same obtained thereupon payment of $50.00 for each set. Any bidder upon returning said set in good condition within thirty (30) days of the date of receiving bids will be refunded his payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning said set will be refunded $20.00.

The Plans and Documents may be examined in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, Eastman Park, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., or at the office of O'Brien & Gere, Consulting Engineers, 400 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York.

Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percentum (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders contained in the Contract Documents.

The right is reserved to waive any informalities in the bids and to reject any or all bids.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF
THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
Aubrey B. Coons
(Commissioner of Finance)
Dated: March 20, 1958

Bids: April 8, 1958

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary of Forests and Waters at Room 512, Education Building, Harrisburg, until 2:00 P.M., E.S.T., April 8, 1958 and will be publicly opened and read for Dredging, Bulkhead Construction, and Fill for Duquesne Pier, Port of Erie Development Project, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Specifications, Drawings and Bid Forms may be obtained in the office of the Division of Flood Control, Department of Forests and Waters, Room 465, Education Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, upon payment of $25.00 per set, which mony WILL NOT be refunded. Drawings and Specifications may be reviewed free of charge at the office of the Port Commission of the City of Erie, City Hall Annex, Erie, Pennsylvania, and at Parsons, Brinckeroff, Hall & Macdonald, Engineers, 51 Broadway, New York 6, New York.

Approximate quantities of principal construction items are as follows: 72,000 cubic yards of silt removal; 45,000 cubic yards of dredging of shale and its placement and fill; 650 lineal feet of steel sheet pile bulkhead construction; and 2,700 tons of rip-rap slope protection in place.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, or a certified depositor's bank check, or certified bank cashier's, or certified bank treasurer's check drawn to the order of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a proposal guarantee in the amount of ten (10) percent of the total amount of bid. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as practicable after opening of bids. A joint venture bid will not be considered and all proposals must be filled in, signed and executed.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities in bids.

MAURICE K. GODDARD
Secretary of Forests
and Waters

Bids: April 17, 1958.

Construction of Intercepting Sewers City of Poughkeepsie Dutchess County, New York

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for construction of Intercepting Sewers in the City of Poughkeepsie, will be received by the Commissioner of Finance, City Hall, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., until 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, April 17, 1958, and there at said office and at said time will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This Contract includes the construction of the following approximate quantities of major items:

8-inch V.C. Sewer	95 l.f.
12-inch V.C. Sewer	103 l.f.
15-inch V.C. Sewer	39 l.f.
18-inch V.C. Sewer	545 l.f.
21-inch V.C. Sewer	31 l.f.
20-inch A.C. Sewer	868 l.f.
24-inch A.C. Sewer	858 l.f.
24-inch C.I. Sewer	178 l.f.
30-inch R.C. Sewer	92 l.f.
33-inch R.C. Sewer	358 l.f.
36-inch R.C. Sewer	1328 l.f.
48-inch R.C. Sewer	23 l.f.
36-inch Rock Tunnel Sewer	2385 l.f.
48-inch Rock Tunnel Sewer	311 l.f.
Pine St. Siphon & Appurtenances	

Alternate Proposals will be received for 30-inch R.C. sewer construction in open cut and tunnel to replace the Pine Street Siphon and associated appurtenances.

Plans and Documents may be examined at no expense at the office of the Commissioner of Finance, City Hall, Poughkeepsie, New York, and copies of the same obtained there upon payment of $30.00 for each set. Any bidder upon returning said set in good condition within thirty (30) days of the date of receiving bids will be refunded his payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning said set will be refunded $15.00.

The Plans and Documents may be examined in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, Eastman Park, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., or at the office of O'Brien & Gere, Consulting Engineers, 400 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York.

Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percentum (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders contained in the Contract Documents.

The right is reserved to waive any informalities in the bids and to reject any or all bids.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF
THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
By: Rubrey B. Coons
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Dated: March 20, 1958

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Construction Superintendent for bridges etc. Steady employment to qualified man, Dakota location. Please reply P-7429, Engineering News-Record.

Traffic Engineer to head county traffic engineering staff. CE with grad work traffic. Min 1 yr exp respn chge traffic engr. Duties traffic studies, plans for signals, signs etc. Formal app sent to those who qualify. Mail brief resume to P-7436, Engineering News-Record.

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Structural—Architectural Engineer. Age 28. B.S., married, 2 children. 7 yrs. experience in all phases of industrial, commercial & institutional bldg. design, working dwg's. spec. writing & supervision. Also hydroelectric, plant layout, materials handling & estimating. Excellent references. Desire to locate in South or Southeast with progressive Architectural or consulting firm, contractor or as plant engineer. Salary negotiable. Resume upon request. PW-7546, Engineering News-Record.

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NOTE: The RISH EQUIPMENT COMPANY, (International Dealers with branches at 14 locations in Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia), is selling a large portion of its used equipment inventory in this Auction. Each and every piece of equipment in the sale belongs to Rish Equipment Co. Many of these equipment items have been completely rebuilt at the unique Rish Assembly-line rebuilding shops at Princetown, W. Va.

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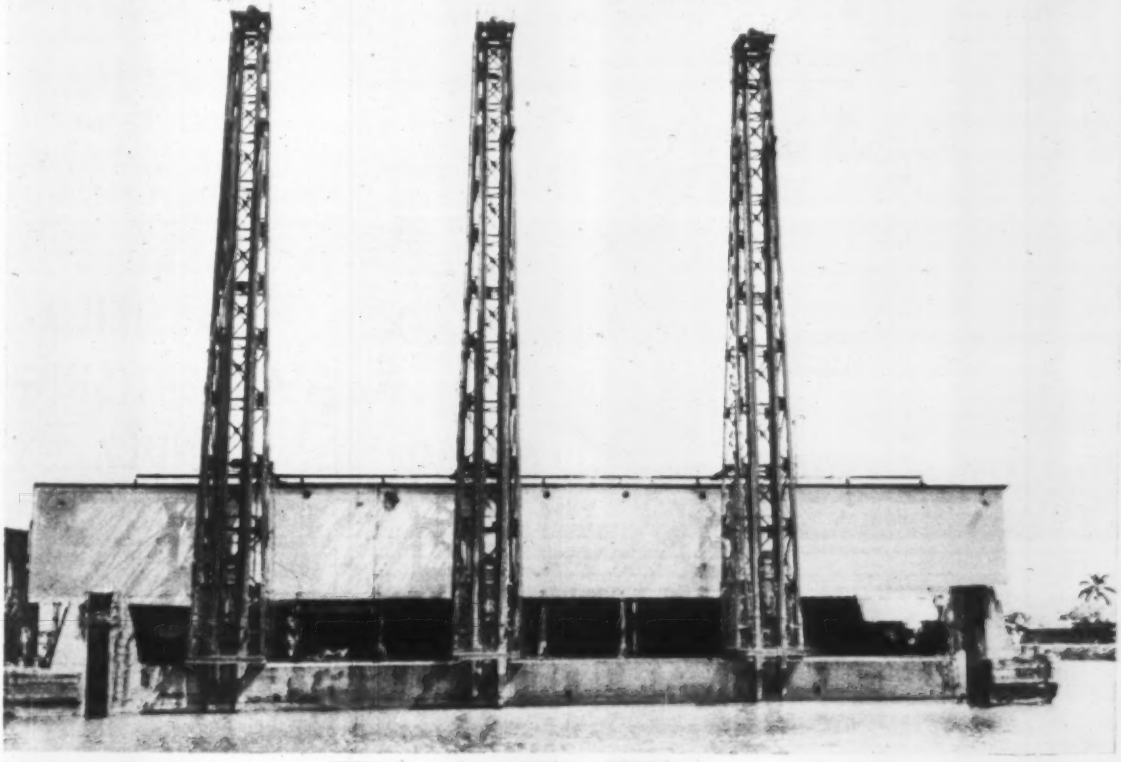

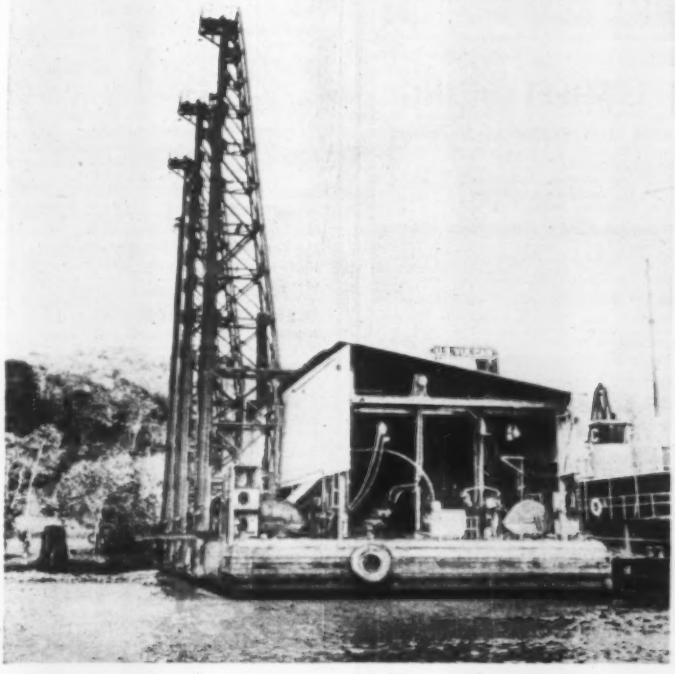

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Recession Remedies

JUST A YEAR AGO on this page, the following statement appeared: "Public Works form a tempting target this year to an economy-minded Congress that has promised to pare the record peacetime budget." And public works appropriations were indeed pared. The editorial went on to say that "curtailment of public works may be false economy." And that false economy is now becoming apparent.

At the time, the need was for an orderly public works program that would adequately service a growing economy. That need is still existant, and it should not be lost sight of today as Congressmen rush to outdo one another in proposals to use public works to halt a recession.

It will soon become apparent that public works can't be turned on and off like water from a faucet. It takes time to draw up plans, buy land, award contracts and get construction started. Had an orderly, adequate program been approved last year, much of this preparatory work would be behind us, and employment and payrolls would now be benefiting.

The best that can be done now is what Congressmen and the Administration are proposing: Speed up the highway program, push post office modernization, make mortgage borrowing for housing easier and let held-up water resource projects go ahead. All of these activities are in line with the nation's needs, and so are justified regardless of recession.

It is just possible that the ample amounts of credit now available from the banks and lending institutions, as a result of the Federal Reserve's money-management action, may spark the necessary upturn in business. Lessened inventories of goods and speeded-up defense spending must necessarily cause industrial production to turn up. Consumer purchasing power, despite the five million unemployed, is not drastically impaired, and could exert a powerful influence if it can be loosed by a little more confidence.

The point is that, if business should improve, Congress would be tempted again to return to curtailment, when it should look to the country's future needs and keep an orderly, adequate public works and financial-aid program going. The highway program, originally considered as a 10 year effort, has had to be stretched to 16 years because of inadequate funds. It should be returned to the original schedule for the good of the country and the economy. We need upwards of a million-and-a-half new housing units every year, and means to perpetuate such a program should be built into the economy.

Water resource development and sanitation facilities are a continuing need, and not something to be held back for hard times. School construction, so far strangely absent in Congressional emergency proposals, is far behind our basic needs, and even farther behind if the recent concern over our educational processes in comparison with Russia's is to be taken seriously. Regardless of recession, these are needs that must be satisfied.

Congress and the Administration are studying recession remedies with great responsibility, despite the political maneuvering that makes some of the proposals suspect. They will no doubt come up with a program that will be beneficial in ending the present recession. But they should plan also beyond the present, and the decision should be in favor of programs of national development that will be continuously responsive to the nation's needs, and not of the all-too-familiar off and on variety.

Costs Favor Building Now

ANYONE WHO WAITS for the current recession in business to bring building costs down before he undertakes a needed project is almost certainly doomed to disappointment. With wage rates fixed or rising, and materials prices showing no signs of softening, the only downward pressure on costs is from contractor competition, which cannot go farther and leave any profit in the job. Construction costs, therefore, are not apt to go lower.

The real need is to assure that the costs, which must be assumed, will be accurately determined and wisely appraised. And it is with this objective in mind that a major part of this issue is devoted to the subject of construction costs—their first quarter levels and their probable trends.

In some respects, estimating and bidding can be done with more assurance than for several years past. Not only are material prices more stable; every conceivable material is in ample supply. Moreover, it is possible to predict labor costs with fair accuracy. And finally, to serve as guides, there are ample cost records of the recent past, some of which are reported in this issue.

The remaining problem—and it is always present—is to convert and apply these data to the job in hand. This may mean only the use of index numbers, but it is likely also to require an evaluation of comparative conditions. To cite only one example from an article on hospital framing in this issue, it would be dangerous now to accept without checking its conclusion that steel framing is more expensive than concrete, considering the drop in steel prices that has occurred since this particular analysis was made.

In the months to come, accurate estimating for both design and construction is going to pay off as never before. For under the prevailing favorable condition for the buyer of construction, estimating mistakes can easily be disastrous.

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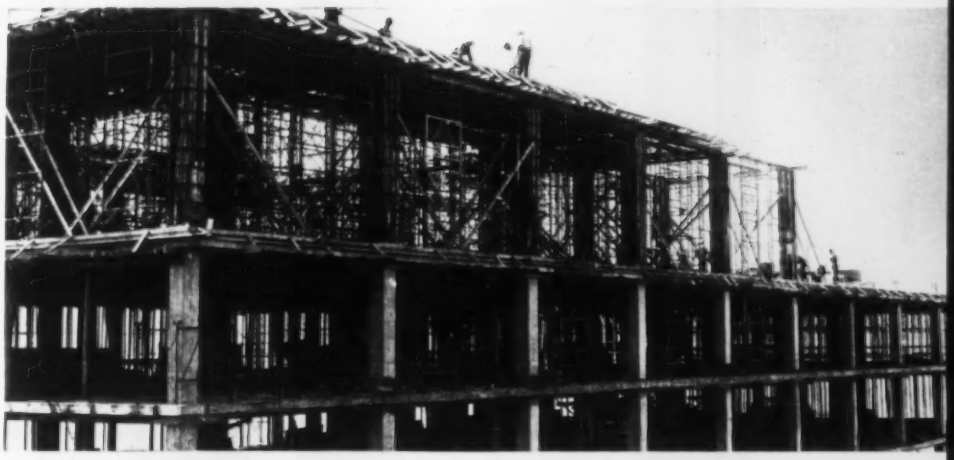

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